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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF RENSSELAER, INDIANA

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RECORDS OF THE SESSION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF RENSSELAER, JASPER COUNTY, INDIANA

Rensselaer, Ind., Feb. 20th, 1847

At a meeting of persons friendly to the organization of a Presbyterian Church in Jasper County Rev. E. W. Wright was called to the chair after prayer it was resolved to proceed to constitute a church. And Rev. Jesse Edwards and G. Sheets elder from the church of Monticello were invited as a Session to Judge of the testimonials of membership.

The following persons were received on certificate:

James Van Rensselaer
Susan Van Rensselaer
Susan C. Weston
Ezra Wright
Martha Wright
Lucinda Mahaffie
Henry Barkley
Ira Allen
Lois B. Allen

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Resolved that we now proceed to the Election of 2 Elders and the vote being counted Ezra Wright and Henry Barkley were declared duly elected and it was agreed that these brethren be ordained on tomorrow at 3 o'clock P. M. Resolved that this church be denominated the Presbyterian Church of Rensselaer. Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

Edward W. Wright
Chairman

Feb. 21st the above brethren were regularly ordained by me according to the constitution of the Presbyterian Church.

Edward W. Wright

April 24th, 1847

Session met and was opened with prayer and Ezra Wright was appointed Clerk.

The following person were admitted to the communion of this church on Certificate:

Mrs. Sarah McKnight
and on examination Mrs. Gilpah Barkley and
Mrs. Nancy D. Work

Ezra Wright
Clerk of Session

Rec'd Oct. 20-1118

May 13, 1847

Dismissed from this Church by certificate Mrs. Susan Van Rensselaer and Mrs. Susan C. Weston by order of session.

Ezra Wright, C. S.

August 12th 1848

Session met according to previous notice and was opened by prayer by the Rev. J. C. Brown who was invited to Moderate session. Present Elders E. Henry Barkley and Ezra Wright.

Mrs. Adriann Allen was admitted on Certificate to communion of this church

Ezra Wright, C. S.

Nov. 19th 1848

Session met and was opened with prayer.

Rev. T. M. Chesnut Mod. by request. Elders present Henry Barkley and Ezra Wright. Henry Banta was admitted to the sealing ordinances of the church on examination and Mrs. Mary Ann Pierce on certificate

Closed with prayer.

Ezra Wright, C. S.

Examined and approved at Delphi. April 11th 1849

Hugh A. Brown
Moderator

June 2nd 1849

Session met and was opened with prayer.

Rev Thomas M. Chesnut Moderated by request. Henry Barckley and Ezra Wright Elders present. Mrs. Brennyholtz was admitted to the sealing ordinances of the Church on examination

Closed with prayer.

Ezra Wright
Clerk

Sept. 29th 1849

Session met and was opened with prayer.

Rev. T. N. Chesnut Mod. by request. Henry Barkley and Ezra Wright Elders present. Mr. James Porter and Worella Porter his wife and John L. Sower and Sabina Sower his wife were admitted on Certificate and Presley Dunlap and Margaret Dunlap his wife and Lewis Chamberlain and Katharine Chamberlain his wife were admitted to the

sealing ordinances of this church on examination

Closed with prayer.

Ezra Wright
Clerk S.

1850 January 26th

Session met and was opened with prayer. Rev. T. N. Chesnut Mod. Henry Barkley and Ezra Wright Elders present.

Mrs. Jane Chesnut and Jane Ann Sharp were admitted to the sealing ordinances of the Church on certificate and Mary York and Joshua Clark on examination.
Closed with prayer.

Ezra Wright, C. S.

March 16th
John L. Sower and Sabina his wife were dismissed at their own request by certificate by order of Session
Ezra Wright, C. S.

Thus far examined and approved by Presbytery at Logansport March 8th 1850.

Alee McClelland
Moderator

June 2nd 1850
Session met and was opened with prayer.
Rev. T. N. Chesnut Mod. Elders present Henry Barkley and Ezra Wright the following persons were received on certificate from the church of Coal Creek Mr. John Coen an ruling Elder and Asenath Coen his wife as members of this Church
Closed with prayer.

Ezra Wright
Clerk Session

June 15th 1850
Session met and was opened with prayer.
Rev. T. N. Chesnut Mod. Elders present Henry Barkley and Ezra Wright. Abis Ruth Clark and Miss Melissa Sayler were received on examination as members of the Church. Closed with prayer.
E. Wright, C. S.

June 15th 1850
At a meeting of the congregation of which previous notice had been given Mr. John Coen and Ira Allen were elected ruling Elders of this Church the above brethren having been heretofore ordained were regularly installed in the above office
Ezra Wright, C. S.

Sept. 7th 1850
Session met and was opened with prayer.

Rev. T. N. Chesnut Mod. Elders present Henry Barkley, John Coen, Ira Allen and Ezra Wright the following persons were received

on certificate from the Church of Coal Creek Mr. Joshua Coen and Mahala Burdine and Mrs. Lois Thearns, M. Addison Allen and William Coen on examination as members of this Church.

Also on motion Mr. John Coen was appointed to attend the Presbytery and Synod in Logansport.

Closed with prayer.

Ezra Wright, C. S.

Nov. 13th 1850

Mr. Presley Dunlap and Adrian Irwin were dismissed at their own request by certificate by order of session.

Ezra Wright, C. S.

1851 January 18th

Session met and was op. with prayer.

Rev. T. N. Chesnut Mod. Elders present John Coen, Ira Allen and Ezra Wright. The following persons were admitted to the sealing ordinances of the Church on certificate Mr. Wm. V. Snyder and Mrs. M. A. Snyder also Mr. John Wilson, John A. Wilson and Sarah McCule from the Presbyterian Church in Franklin, Ia.

The following was adopted to be a standing rule of the Session for the future.

That no person shall receive a certificate of good standing in this church who has not payed up his subscription for the support of the Gospel in this church except in case of inability to discharge the same - by order of Session.

Closed with prayer.

Ezra Wright, C. S.

Thus far examined and approved in Presbytery at Rossville, April 11, 1851.

J. N. Canaee

Rensselaer, April 28th 1851

Session met and was opened with prayer.

Members present Rev. T. N. Chesnt, Mod. John Coen, Ira Allen, and Ezra Wright Elders

A request was presented from James J. Porter for a dismission from this Church whereupon the following minute was adopted viz.

Resolved the request by not granted for the following reasons viz. that it is contrary to the constitution of the Presbyterian Church to dismiss a member unless he is about to remove out of the bounds of the church or is about to connect with some other church. of this the Session has no information.

Mr. Ira Allen was appointed a committee to inform Mr. Porter of the action of the Session in his case.

Closed with prayer.

E. Wright, C. S.

Rensselaer, June 11th 1851

Session met and was opened with prayer.

Members present Rev. T. N. Chesnut, Mod. John Coen, Ira Allen, and Ezra Wright Elders.

Ira Allen appointed a committee at our last meeting to confer with James J. Porter and acquaint him of the action of the Session in his case reported that he had performed the service for which he was appointed and had learned from Mr. Porter the reasons why

he now asks a dismission from this church. First he alledged that he had been offended by one of the members of the session and he chose for the sake of peace to withdraw from the Church.

Being informed of his duty in such cases as laid down by our Lord in the 18th of Matthew and being assigned to comply therewith refused alledging that it would be of no avail and he would not try it; 2nd he informed Mr. Allen that he intended to connect with the New School Church inasmuch as he did not accord with us in the doctrine of Election as laid down in our confession of faith and catechisms. After mature consideration the following certificate was ordered to be given to Mr. Porter, viz.

It is hereby certified that James J. Porter is a member of this Church and as he is about to withdraw from us to connect with the New School Body. Therefore resolved that the request be granted and that he be recommended to these brethren with the following exceptions: 1st Mr. Porter's refusing to pursue the course laid down by our Lord in the 18th of Matthew relative to a brother who has trespassed against us; 2nd his rejecting the doctrine of Election as laid down in the Confession of faith and the catechisma of our church

By order of Session.

Closed with prayer.

Ezra Wright, C. S.

June 21st 1851

Session met and was opened with prayer members present Rev. T. N. Chesnut, Mod. John Coen, Ezra Wright Elders.

The following persons were received on Certificate from the Presbyterian Church of Crawfordsville:
Abraham Canine and Sarah Ann Canine his wife, Margaret C. Galey, Margaret Lampson, and Mary Jane Terhune.

Closed with prayer

By order of session

Ezra Wright, C. S.

Rensselaer, July 12th 1851

Session met, at the call of the Moderator, and was constituted with prayer. Members present Thos. N. Chesnut, Mod. John Coen and Eyra Wright Elders.

James J. Porter, who had obtained a certificate of dismission from this church under date of June 11th 1851. Appeared before session, asking a new certificate, alledging that he had now nothing against any member of the Church, and was now entirely satisfied, with the members of the Church.

Session therefore resolved to grant him the following certificate viz. It is hereby certified that James J. Porter is a member of this church, and as he is about to withdraw from us, to connect with the New School body, therefore resolved that the request be granted, and that he be recommended to these bretheren, with the following exception viz. his rejection of the Doctrine of Election as taught in the confession of faith and catechisma of our Church.

By order of Session O.C.

Closed with prayer

Ezra Wright, Clerk

Oct. 31st 1851

Mr. Ira Allen and Lois B. Allen and Addison D. Allen were at their own request dismissed by certificate by

Order of Session
Ezra Wright, C. S.

Jan. 9th 1852

Mr. Lewis Chamberlain and Katharine Chamberlain his wife Mary Ann Pierce , Abraham Canine and Sarah Ann Canine his wife, Margore Galey, Margaret Lampson and Mary Jane Terhune were at their own request dismissed by certificate to unite with others in a new organization on Carpenter Creek, Jasper Co., Indiana, by order of Session.

Ezra Wright, C. S.

March 11th 1852

Mrs. Lois Kerns was at her own request dismissed by certificate by order of Session.

Ezra Wright, C. S.

March 20th 1852

Session met and was opened with prayer by Rev. T. N. Chesnut Moderator.

Elders present Henry Barkley, John Coen, Ezra Wright. The following persons were admitted to the sealing ordinances of this church on certificate. Wm. Tichener and Nancy Tichener and Mrs. Bowman, by order of Session

Closed with prayer.

Ezra Wright, C. S.

Rensselaer, March 2nd 1852

Session met and was opened with prayer.

Rev. T. N. Chesnut Moderator.

Elders present John Coen, Ezra Wright.

The following charges were presented to the Session by J. D. Work against Dr. Joshua Clark which upon examination by the session were found to be in order which are as follows:

Rensselaer March 2nd 1852

To the Session of the Presbyterian Church of Rensselaer Joshua Clark being a member of your Church I prefer the following charges against him for your consideration.

1st for Wilfully trying to slander the Presbyterian Sewing Society of this place by circulating a paper about the 26th of Feb. as you will see by a paper handed you with this which he acknowledgm to be his own production.

Witnesses under this charge:

See paper
Rev. T. N. Chesnut
Dr. Wm. Tichenor

2nd By trying to slander myself and family in having permitted those gymnastic exercises as he terms them (as described in said production) at my house.

Witnesses under this charge: Dr. Tichenor, Nancy Tichenor, Rev. T. N. Chesnut, Benjamin Henkle, Wm. McFarland.

3rd For grossly and willfully misstating facts first saying he was told of these exercises by one and then by other none of which I find to be true.
Witnesses under this charge: Dr. Tichenor, Nancy Tichenor, David Snyder, T. N. Chesnut, Benjamin, Henkle, John D. Work, prosecutor

Session Resolved to take up the above charges and the Clerk was ordered to furnish the accused with a copy and also to issue citation to the parties and witnesses to appear before the session on the 7 day of April next.

By order of session
E. Wright, C. S.

April 7th 1852

Session met and was opened with prayer. Members present T. N. Chesnut Mod., Elders John Coen, Ezra Wright. Session proceeded to take up the case set for trial this day.

The charges were read the accused being present Dr. Clark was asked how he pled replied not guilty at the same time declared himself ready for trial. The Clerk gave notice that all the citations had been duly served.

Session proceeded to the hearing of witnesses.
John Wasson being duly sworn testified--
Question by Dr. Clark:; Was you at the Mettings of the sew society?
A. Yes.
Q. Did you see any dancing at Col. Work?
A. If I know what dancing is I should call some of the exercises dancing.
Q. Did you hear any profane songs sung there?
A. I heard such songs as I never heard on any solemn occasion or in church.
Q. Did see any kissing?
A. I saw ladies and gentleman kissing each other numbers of times.
Q. Did you see any plays and what were they
A. I did.
Q. by Col. Work-Which of those rooms did you see dancing in?
A. I saw it in the northern room and in the entry.
Q. How much space was their vanant in the passage or entry
A. I think about 7 feet by 8.
Q. How many were dancing when you saw it?
A. Two.
Q. How high did they fling their feet?
A. About three feet.
Q. What kind of songs did you hear?
A. Carnal songs--Ben Bolt was one.
Q. In this song was there anything in it indecent of vulgar?
A. I could not consider anything in it indecent or vulgar.
Q. What kind of plays were they?
A. I heard the names of some of them but do not recollect them.
Q. Did you esteem them indecent?
A. No, I did not.
Q. Did you participate in those plays?
A. Yes, Sir.

Q. by the Moderator--What time in the evening did this dancing take place?
A. Previous to midnight
Q. What time did the party break up?
A. I think near midnight
Q. by Mr. Work--What kind of dancing was before midnight?
A. What they call Polka or poker dance.
Read to and approved by Witness John Wasson

Mr. John Hunter being only sworn testified:
Q. by Dr. Clark--Did you attend the meeting of the sewing society
A. I have some of them.
Did you see any dancing?
A. I saw the step called the Polka step taken.
Q. did you hear any profane songs?
A. No, sir.
Q. Did you see any plays?
A. As I understand playing I did not.
Q. Did you see any kissing?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. by Col. Work--What time did you see the Polka step taken?
A. Between 8 and 10 o'clock P.M.
Q. Where was it taken?
A. In the entry.
Q. How high did they lift their feet?
A. Not more than an inch.
Q. Were you in a position you could see
A. Yes.
Q. Did you hear any songs?
A. Yes, I did
Q. Can you remember the names of them?
A. I do. Ben Bolt, Janette, and Jeno, be kind to thy father.
Q. Did you think there was anything indecent or vulgar in any of the songs you heard that night?
A. No.
Read to witness and approved.
John Hunter

John D. Work being duly sworn testified:
Q. by Dr. Clark--Did you see any dancing?
A. I did not.
Q. by Mr. Coen--Did you hear any?
A. I did not.
Read to witness and approved.
John D. Work
Mrs. Bowman being duly sworn testified:
Q. by Dr. Clark--Were you called on to shew the Polka step at Col. Works?
A. I was.
Q. By whom?
A. By several.
Q. You shewed them the step?
A. Yes.
Q. by Col. Work--How is Polka spelled?
A. P-o-l-k-a.

Q. How long were you shewing the step?
A. Perhaps not more than two minutes.
Read to witness and approved.
A. S. Bowman

David Snyder being duly sworn testified:
Q. by Dr. Clark--Did Col. Work admit to you he danced himself that night at his house?
A. He admitted he took a few steps with a certain lady that evening.
Read to witness and approved.
David Snyder

Miss Mary Work being duly sworn testified:
Dr. Clark declined asking any questions.
Q. by the moderator--Did you see any dancing that night?
A. I do not know what dancing is.
Q. Did you see the step taken called the Polka step?
A. Yes
Q. by Mr. Coen--What height raise her feet
A. I could not see her feet till she was asked to raise her dress a little just so high as to move her feet.
Read to witness and approved.
Mary Work

Miss Burns being duly sworn testifies:
Dr. Clark declined asking any questions.
Q. by Col. Work--Did you see a lady shew the Polka step and was she asked to do so.
A. Yes.
Q. How high did she raise her foot?
A. I could not say.
Q. Was it more than six inches?
A. Just sufficient to take the step.
Q. by the Moderator--Did any one else take the step at that time.
A. There was others made the attempt but did not understand it.
Read to witness and approved.
Almira Brown

Rufus Strode being duly sworn testifies:
Q. by Dr. Clark--Did you attend the meeting of the sewing society?
A. I did.
Q. Was you at Col. Works the evening it met there?
A. I was.
Q. Did you see any dancing there?
A. Not what I call dancing.
Q. Did you see the Polka step taken?
A. I did not.
Q. Did you hear any profane songs sung?
A. I did not.
Q. Was there any plays?
A. Yes.
Q. by Col Work--Is common to have music where there is dancing?
A. Yes.
Q. Was there any music at my house?
A. no.

Q. Have you always attended the sewing societies?
A. I believe I have.
Q. What kind of plays?
A. Innocent plays.
Q. Was the plays at my house similar to other place you attended?
A. Yes.

Read to Witness and approved.
Rufus Strode

At this stage of the proceedings Dr. Clark's strength failed him and he declared himself unable to proceed and requested Mr. Wright to conduct the defence in his place which was granted.

Wm. Hancock being duly sworn testifies:
Q. by Mr. Wright--Did Dr. C. shew this paper to you?
A. He did.
Q. Did he manifest in shewing the paper a disposition to slander the P. Sewing Society?
A. I think not.
Cross examined by Col. Work:
Q. For what purpose did he shew you the paper?
A. I suppose to know whether I approved of it.
Q. Did you approve of it?
A. I did not and do not.
Q. Did he tell you he intended to present the paper to the society for adoption?
A. I understood that he intended to do so but that his demared.
Q. Are you a member of the P. Sewin society?
A. I am not.
Q. Was any one present when Dr. Clark shewed you the paper?
A. There was a number present in the store.
Q. was he present when he presented it to Mr. Hamilton?
A. I was.
Q. by Mr. Wright--Did he say anything to you disrespectful of Col. Work or his family?
A. He did not.

Read to Witness and approved.
Wm. Hancock

Dr. Wm. V. Snyder being duly sworn testifies:
Q. by Mr. Wright on behalf of Dr. Clark--Did Dr. C. at any time in your presence say anything that would have a tendency to slander the P. Sewing Society?
A. I do not know that he ever did.
Q. Did you ever hear him say anything disrespectful of Col. Work or family?
A. Not that I recollect.
Q. by Col. Work--Did he ever shew you that paper?
A. He did twice or three times.
Q. Did you read the paper?
A. I did.
Q. Have you at any other time heard him speak of the paperi in connection with the P. sewing society?
A. I have.
Q. Did you ever hear him say who informed him of impro er conduct at Col. Work?

A. I am of the impression that he said Mr. Wasson was his informant.
Q. I am not positive.
Q. By the Moderator--What is your opinion of the present condition of Dr. C. mind.
A. He has lucid intervals at times his memory seem almost wholly gone.
Q. by Mr. Work--How long have you been acquainted with Dr. Clark?
A. About 16 or 17 months, I believe.
Q. Have you seen difference in him in that time?
A. A very great difference.
Q. Has he not always consistent in conversing about this matter?
A. He is not very consistent on any subject the most of his time.

Read to witness and approved.
Wm. V. Snyder

The defence here rested his testimony and the witnesses on the part of the prosecution were introduced.
Rev. Thomas N. Chesnut sworn testifies:

Q. by Mr. Work--Will you please to state the conversation between Dr. Clark and myself at your house in relation to this matter.
A. Col. Work enquired of Dr. Clark if he had a certain paper that he purposed presenting to the sewing society relative to certain exercises that took place at his (Dr's) house. Dr. said he had Col. W. enquired have you got that paper with you? Dr. C. answered he had said Col. W. will you let me see it? Dr. Clark, yes, and with the word handed it to him. Col. W. handed it to me saying will you read this (the Paper was here shewn and identified by witness). I read it. Col. Work enquired what his object was in circulating that paper. He answered that it was for the correction of some improprieties and for the good of the Church. Col. Work enquired then who told him about the improprieties. He said it was Mrs. Rook. Col. asked further if any other person had told him. he did not say at that time.
Q. By Mr. Work--Did I ask him if Mr. Wallon informed him?
A. It is quite likely you did.
Q. For what purpose did I ask you to go with me to Mr. David Snyder?
A. I think it was to ascertain about the authorship of the paper.
Q. Did Dr. C. tell you that he had given the items to Mr. Snyder and that he had written them out at the Dr.'s suggestion?
A. Yes.
Q. Did you hear one ask Snyder if he had told Dr. Clark of improprietary conduct at my house such information concerning Miss Wernas?
A. I did.
Q. What was Mr. L. reply
A. My impression that he remarked that she had not informed him.
Q. Did you hear Dr. C. say that Mrs. Tichener and my daughter told him there had been dancing?
A. He did say so that they had taken a laugh over it.
Q. by Mr. Wright--Did Dr. Clark manifest a disposition willfully to slander the sewing society?
A. Judging from the Dr. as he is I would say no. He remarked I have always a place to creep out at I am not right in my head you may blame my head but not my heart in the matter.

Q. Has Dr. Clark ever disavowed any intention to slander Mr. Warne family in hour hearing in regard to the matter?
A. He has.
Q. by Mr. Work--What object did Dr. C. seem to have in bringing that paper to you?
A. It was to see whether I approved of it or not as he said he intended to have it forwarded to the society at the next meeting he further remarked he would have brought it to me in the first place but that I was not at home.
Q. Did Dr. C. ever tell you that he had shewed the paper to Mr. Hamilton Mr. Hancock and Mr. Cissel and that they approved of it?
A. He did.
Q. Have you ever heard either of those gentlemen their opinion of that paper?
A. Mr. Hamilton and Hancock have told me they disapproved of it with Mr. Cissel. I have not conversed on the subject.

Read to witness and approved.
Thos. N. Chesnut

Mr. David Snyder sworn testifies:
Q. by Mr. Work--When I called at your office in company with Dr. Clark and enquired whether you had given Dr. C. information as to improper conduct at my house as coming from your sister-in-law what was your reply?
A. Col. W. at my office stated that in a conversation with Dr. C. at Mr. Chesnut's house the Dr. had said he thought that I(Snyder) had told him that Miss Thomas had informed me that there was or of improper conduct at my (Col. ".) house I stated I had not told him so and the Dr. remarked he was mistaken.
Q. Did you write that paper the paper in question being shown?
A. I did write that paper.
Q. And did Dr. Clark furnish you the items if not an exact copy of one handed one for the purpose of copying by Dr. Clark?
A. The paper is very nearly a copy if not an exact copy of one handed me for the purpose of copying by Dr. Clark.
Q. What variation is there from the original copy?
A. Very slight if any in sentiment I think.
Q. Did he state the object in presenting that to you and if so what was the object?
A. He stated his object in the paper was to correct the irregularities or improprieties in the society that the society as conducted was injuring the church or something to that effect.
Q. Did he tell you his authority for the information contained in the paper?
A. He did not at the time of opening the paper he may have done so since but if so I do not recollect who was named.
Q. Did you read the paper before you copied it?
A. I read a part of it thinks I did not read it entirely certainly did not give it one minutes thought.
Q. Did Dr. Clark tell you at that time or any other that he had a place to creep out on account of imbicility?
A. The man did not at the time of writing the paper nor since that I now recollect.
Q. Did you read that paper to him or did he read it for himself after you copied it?
A. After copying the paper I handed it to him without reading it the Dr. then handed it back to me with a request to read it which I did.

Q. Was he satisfied with the paper and what remark did he make?
A. He expressed no dissatisfaction that I recollect of nor do I recollect if he either approved or disapproved of it at the time.
Q. Was there any other person in the office at the time?
A. I think no one but myself and Dr. Clark was in the office at the time the paper was being copied think Spitler came in soon after recollect of no other.
Q. Did any person make a remark to you that they would know your hand writing in this matter?
A. Mr. Spitler did.
Q. Did Mr. Spitler know the contents of the paper?
A. He was present when I read it or came in while it was being read to Dr. Clark.
Q. Why was Mr. Spitler appresensive that your hand writing should be known?
A. It would be hard for me to say. It might have been because my hand writing was generally known.

Read to witness and approved.
D. Snyder

Dr. Wm. Tichener sworn testifies:
Q. by Col. Work--Had you any conversation with Dr. C. in relation to this paper?
A. I had.
Q. Did you know of his circulating that paper?
A. He stated that he had such a paper in circulation and stated some of the contents.
Q. Did he tell you what was his object in its circulation?
A. He said his object was to correct the misconduct of the members of the society.
Q. What did you say to him about the stories he had put in circulation in that paper?
A. I told him that I was at Col. Work and that I seen no misconduct on the part of any member of the society or anyone else and that I thought he was doing very wrong in circulating such reports and hoped he would stop it for his own benefit and that of the society and church.
Q. What answer did he make?
A. He said well I suppose so.
Q. Do you know of his repeating the same slander since that on different occasions?
A. I have not heard him speak of the paper but have of various individuals connected with the society in a slanderous manner since that time.
Q. Did you ever hear him state that he intended to present this paper to the society for their adoption.
A. I did.
Q. Did he ever tell you who was his author for these slanders?
A. He said there were several but did not name any particular one.

Read to witness and approved
Wm. Tichenor

Benj. Hinkle sworn testified:
Q. by Col. Work--Was you at my house at the meeting of the sewing society in question?
A. I was.
Q. Did you see any serious improprieties or indiscreet conduct on that occasion?
A. I think not.

Q. Did you remain till the company dispersed?
A. I believe I did.
Q. At what time did the company dispers?
A. I should think it was about 11 o'clock P. M.

Read to witness and approved.
Benj. Hinkle

Mrs. Nancy Tichenor being duly sworn testified:
Q. by Col. Work were you at the meeting of the society at my House?
A. I was.
Q. Did you see any dancing there?
A. I did not.
Q. Did you hear any profane or indecent songs?
A. I did not.
Q. Did you ever inform Dr. Clark that there was dancing at my house?
A. I did not but told him to the contrary distinctly.
Q. Did Dr. Clark ever tell you his authority these slanders?
A. He did.
Q. Do you know of Dr. Clark repeating these stories?
A. I do not.

Read to witness and approved.
Nancy Tichenor

Wm. McFarland sworn testifies:
Q. by Col. Work--Were you at the meeting of the society at me house?
A. I was.
Q. Did you see any dancing there?
A. I did not see anything I called dancing.
Q. Did you remain with the company till they seperated?
A. I did.
Q. Did you hear any profane songs?
A. Not that I call profane.
Q. Was the conduct of the society at my house similar to that of other places.
A. I believe there was more playing there checkers and something else. I have forgot the name that was not played elsewhere.
Q. Did you hear Dr. Clark speak of these slanders frequently?
A. I have heard Dr. C. frequently speak of dancing and other improprieties of the sewing society.
Q. Did you ever hear Dr. C. speak of the matter to the Rev. Mr. Stewart?
A. I did hear him tell Mr. Stewart that he had heard there was dancing and other improprieties conduct at the sewing society and that he wrote those resolutions intending to send them to the S. society to see if they would be adopted. He done it through no ill will but for the good the name.

Read to witness and approved
Wm. T. McFarland

Dr. Tichenor was again called by Mr. Work
Q. Did the Rev. Mr. Stewart inform that Dr. C. had informed him of these matters and what impression had it made on his (Mr.S) mind.
A. Mr. Stewart that Dr. Clark had given him to understand that there had been great impro rieties at the meeting of the society at Col. Work and Mr. Stewart was of the impression that those was very improper conduct there and this was after I had told Dr. C. that there was no improprieties there.

Read to witness and approved.
Wm. Tichenor

Mr. Work then offered the paper spoken of as evidence which read as follows:

Whereas the Presbyterian sewing society was principally gotten up for the purpose of procuring funds for the completion of the Presbyterian Church and whereas certain gymnastic exercises are to a certain and proper extent to be desired and are promotive of the health of the members and whereas in the conduct of these exercises certain small improprieties have of late crept to the just scandal of the good name and fair fame of said society and whereas it is apprehended that unless these indiscretions are corrected that some of the strictest may be disposed to withdraw their connection and support from us which must materially hinder our success. Therefore be it resolved by the ladies sewing society of Rensselaer that hereafter in the exercises of the meeting there shall not be more than one poker dance of an evening and that in such dance no member of this society shall raise her foot above a direct line from her body under pain of a reprimand from the society unless she first proved herself with a pair full seated stockinet breaches and a partner whose face is as hard as her own.

Testimony here closed by the parties.

Session adjourned to meet tomorrow at 2 o'clock P. M. at Mr. Chesnuts house where the parties were notified to attend.
Closed with prayer.

Ezra Wright, C. S.

Rensselaer April 8th 1852. Session according to adjournment opened with prayer members present as on yesterday.

The following minute was adopted: Whereas Dr. Clark was taken sick on yesterday and at his request Mr. Wright conducted the defence for him leaving the session without a proper questioner to decide the case as required by the 9 chapter and 2nd section of the decipline of the church. Therefore it was resolved that the whole matter be referred to Presbytery for adjudication and decision and the parties notified to attend.

By order of session
Ezra Wright, C. S.

In case of reference from the session of church of Rensselaer Ind., to the Presbytery of Logansport in session at Monticello May 11th, 1852 after the testimony in the case was read and the Presbytery had expressed their opinion in this case. Rev. E. W. Wright and Rev. I.N. Candis and Elder J. Norbott were appointed committee to report a minute expressive of the views of Presbytery in the case. the committee made the following report which was adopted and is as follows: We Presbytery after a full fair and impartial view of the whole case are unanimously of the opinion that the first charge against Dr. Clark has been fully sustained by the testimony and especially by the paper which is acknowledged as his production which is grossly indecent and slanderous in its character and the circulation of which was calculated to injure and defame the good characters of the members of the sewing society of said church and was a violation of the rules of Christian propriety even admitting the facts on which said reports were based to be true see Disc. C.2 Section 5, it from the testimony in the case appears that Mr. Clark

is a man of age and infirmities and subject to times of mental imbicility. Presbytery are of the opinion that this fact should have its influence in extenuating the guilt in the case.

Presbytery are of the opinion that the 2nd charge is not sustained as there is no evidence that the name of Work or his family was associated with the circulation of this paper or that there are any reports by the Dr. directly prejudicial to their character.

The Presbytery are not prepared to sustain the 3rd charge owing to the doubts arising from the extreme indifinitiness of the testimony bearing on the point.

I view of the whole case Presbytery are of the opinion that Mr. Joshua Clark ought to be solemnly admonished and Presbytery do hereby admonish him to be more careful in future in circulating reports injurious to the character of others.

Resolved that a copy of this decision regularly authenticated be presented to each of the parties in the case.

A true copy from the record
Attest C. W. Wright, Stated Clerk

November 13th 1852
At a meeting of the members of the church it was resolved not to employ the Rev. V. N. Chesnut as stated supply any longer and the Clerk of session to notify him of that fact.
By order of session.
Ezra Wright, C. S.
Recd. by Rev. Chestnut 41 members, dismissed, 19.

May 28th 1853
Session met according to previous notice members present John Coen, Ezra Wright, the Rev. B. W. Wright was invited to act as Moderator. Session was opened with prayer. Mrs. E. Purcupile was received on certificate from Bethel Church, Jasper Co., Ind. Also Mrs. Laura Turner on certificate M. Episcopal Church, South Bend.
By order of session
Ezra Wright, C. S.

July 2nd 1853
Mr. John Wilson, John A. Wilson, and Mr. Sarah Mule were at their own request dismissed on certificate to unite with the Bethel Church, Jasper Co. Ind.
By order of session
Ezra Wright, C. S.

July 17th 1853
Session met according to previous notice members present John Coen and E. Wright the Rev. John H. Kessler was invited to act as Moderator. Session opened with prayer. Mr. Henry Brandon and Jane Brandon were received on certificate from the church of Lorain, Fayette, Pa., also Mr. T. S. Fallen wider from the church of Waveland, Ia. as member of this church also Mrs. June Chemit was dismissed at

her own request by certificate to unite with the Bethel Church, Jasper Co., Ia.

By order of session
Ezra Wright, C. S.

May 27th 1854

Session met according to previous notice members present John Coen, Ezra Wright, the Rev. E. W. Wright was invited to act as Moderator. Mrs. Mary J. Terhune was received as a member of this church by certificate from the Bethel Churhc, Ia., also Mr. John McCarthy and Mrs. N. J. McCarthy his wife also Mr. R. T. Milroy and Mrs. N. J. McCroy his wife from the church of Delphi, Ia., also Mrs. Rhoda Robinson from the church of Cool Creek, Ia., on certificate as members of this church.

By order of session
Ezra Wright, C. S.

Oct. 2nd 1854

John Coen, Sr., one of the elder of this church departed this life in the 61st year of his age.

Ezra Wright C. S.

Nov. 4th 1854

At a meeting of the members of the church of Rensselaer according to previous notice an election was held to elect two additional elders the Rev. Levi Hughes was called to preside and on the votes being counted Mr. R. H. Milroy and John Coen, Jr., having received the highest number of votes were declared elected and Mr. John Coen was regularly ordained and installed by the Rev. L. Hughes on the afternoon of the same day Mr. Milroy being absent from home his ordination was necessarily defered.

Ezra Wright, C. S.

Dec. 1st 1854

Dr. Wm. V. Snyder was at his own request dismissed to unite with the church of Middleport Illinois.

By order of session
Ezra Wright, C. S.

Feb. 1st 1855

Mrs. Nancy D. Work now Mrs. Harper was at her own request dismissed to unite with the church of Rock Island, Illinois.

By order of session.
Ezra Wright, C. S.

March 25th 1855

Mrs. Jane Ann Sharp was at her own request dismissed from this church to unite with the Church of Camden, Illinois, also Miss Mary Work was dismissed to unite with church of Rock Island, Illinois.

By order of session
Ezra Wright.

May 19th 1855

Session met according to previous notice. Members present Ezra Wright and John Coen. The Rev. E. W. Wright of Delphi being present was invited to act as Moderator. Session was opened with prayer. Mr. Thomas Irwin was received on certificate from the Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh as a member of this church.

Also on sabbath morning May Brother, R. H. Milroy who had been previously elected a ruling elder was ordained and installed by the

Rev. E. W. Wright.

By order of session
Ezra Wright, C. S.

Dismissed 4-30-54
Revs. 1 and 55 to date

Sabbath July 1st 1855

The Rev. Thomas Whallon commenced his labours amongst us as stated supply for 1 year.

July 17th 1855

Session met according to previous notice members present the Rev. Thomas Whallon, Mod., Ezra Wright John Coen, R. H. Milroy. After prayer by the Mod. the following item of business opened was acted on.

Brother R. H. Milroy appeared voluntarily before session and confessed the fault of having resorted to unscruptural and unchristian means to avenge himself for what he deemed an unjust attack on the part of certain individuals upon his moral and christian character.

He also promised that for the future, by the assistance of Divine Grace, he would be more careful to refrain from similar acts of violence. In view then of the instructions of Saviour Luke 17: 3 If they trespass against thee rebuke him; and if he repent forgive him. Session would recommend him to the confidence and affections of the church with the advice of the apostle Gal., sixth, and 1st Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such a one in the spirit of meekness considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Adjourned Closed with prayer.

E. Wright, C. S.

Saturday, Sept. 1, 1855

Session met according to previous notice and was opend with prayer by the Rev. Thomas Whallon, Mod, members present Ezra Wright, R. H. Milroy, and John Coen.

The following persons were admitted by certificate as members of this church Mrs. Harriet S. Whallon and Miss L. S. Hickle from the church of Putnamville, Ia., and John A. Wilson and Delilah Wilson his wife from Bethel Church, Ia.

By order of session
Ezra Wright, C. S.

Nov. 4th 1855

Mrs. Morella Porter was dismissed at her own request to unite with any sister church where God in his Providence may cast her lot.

By order of session.
Ezra Wright, C. S.

Rensselaer, Jan. 12th 1856

Session met according to previous notice and was opened with prayer by Rev. Thos. Whallon, Moderator. Members present Ezra Wright R. H. Milroy, and John Coen. The Clerk laid before the session the written request of John McCarthy and Dr. Wm. Tichenor asking a dismission from the church session were unanimously of opinion that the presenttime (being on the evening preceding a communion is not a proper time take up those papers passed the following resolution:

Resolved that the consideration of the foregoing papers be postponed to Tuesday evening Jan. 15th at 6 o'clock, P.M. and that the Clerk inform Messrs. McArthy and Tichenor and request the [illegible]

the session at that time.

By order of session
Ezra Wright, C. S.

Rensselaer Jan. 15th 1856

Session met according to adjournment and was opend with prayer by the Moderator. Members present Ezra Wright and John Coen.

The clerk informed the session that he had notified Messrs. McCarthy and Tichenor of this meeting.

The request of the above named members was taken up. Neither of the applicants being present and no satisfactory reasons appearing in favor of the request therefore session resolved that it cannot be granted and the Clerk was directed to make known to those concerned their decision.

By order of session
Ezra Wright, C. S.

Saturday, April 19th 1856

Sesson met according to previous notice.

Members present Ezra Wright, R. H. Milroy, and John Coen. Session was opened with prayer by Rev. Thomas Whallon, Mod. The following persons were admitted to membership of this church: Mrs. Sarah Bowman from Church Illinois and Caroline Crockett from the church of Kokomo, Indiana. Also Mrs. Eliza Jane Adamson and Lavina Howe were admitted on examination as members of this church. The last named individual was baptised on Sabbath morning April 20th.

By order of Session
Ezra Wright, C. S.

Rec'd. by Rev. Whallon to date 4/8

August 29th 1856
Session met

Present Rev. Thomas Whallon, Mod., Elders Ezra Wright, R. H. Milroy, and John Coen. The following items of business was transacted.

Resolved that John Coen be our delegate to Presbytery, to meet at Monticello on the 1st Tuesday of september, 1856. By order of Session.

Ezra Wright, Clerk S.

Rensselaer Jan. 10th 1857

Session met and was opened with prayer. Members present Thos Whallon, Mod., Elders Ezra Wright and R. H. Milroy.

The following persons were received as members of this church on certificate from the church in Rushville, Ia.

Dr. Wm. H. Martin)R.E.)
Helen Martin
Emma L. Martin

And on examination Miriam Wright. A member of Session stated that Mr. M. Tichenor had informed him that he had withdrawn from this church and had united with the Protestant Episcopal Church. Therefore it was resolved that his name should be erased from our roll.

Closed with prayer.
Thos W. Whallon, Mod.

Rensselaer, Aug. 26th 1857

Ses. met and was opened with prayer. Members present Thos Whallon Mod., Elders Ezra Wright, R. H. Milroy, and John Coen.

Some consultation was had respecting certain rumors against the Christian character of Mrs. Mary Jane Terhune a member of this church after which it was resolved to postpone the further consideration of the matter until Aug. 28th with a view of obtaining if possible additional information on the subject. Ses. then adjourned to meet in the church on the 28th of Aug. at 5 o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.
Thos. Whallon, Mod.

Presbyterian Church, Aug. 28th 1857

Ses. met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer. Members present Thos Whallon, Mod., Elders Ezra Wright, P.H. Milroy and John Coen. After statements by the different members of session respecting the result of their inquiries in regard to the character and extent of the rumors against the Christian character of Mrs. Terhune, they were unanimously of the opinion that the case demanded judicial action. (She also having requested an investigation of the matter). Therefore, Resolved that Mrs. Mary Jane Terhune be cited to appear before the session to meet in the Presb. Church on the 18th day of Sept. 1857 at 10 o'clock and M. to answer to the following charge brought by Common Fame, viz. An improper intimacy with Dr. Wm. H. Bickford during the last ten months as manifested

1. By the frequency and length of his visits during the absence of her husband.
2. By the unusual manner in which he frequently approached and entered the house.
3. By a window having been closed and other suspicious circumstances during those visits.

	Witnesses:
Peter Rhodes	Dr. Reichard Pierce
Caleb Downing	Mrs. Pierce
Jesse Boyes	Caroline Crocket
Cyrun Barnes	Thos. Whallon
Mrs. Barnes	H. S. Whallon
Augusta Henkle	A. E. Bickle
Suzetta Henkle	M. E. Thomson
Thos. Lamson	Lovinia Howe
Mrs. Lamson	Nancy Howe

The Clerk was ordered to give due notice to Mrs. Terhune of the above action of session also to cite the witnesses whose names are recorded.

Ses. adjourned. Closed with prayer.
Thos. Whallon, Mod.

Rensselaer, Sept. 18th 1857

Ses. met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer. Members present T. Whallon, Mod., Elders Ezra Wright and P. H. Milroy. Mrs. Terhune not being present, and it having been stated that a notice of this meeting and its object had been placed in her hands in due time, therefore, resolved that she be cited a second time according to the direction of the Book of Discipline in such cases to appear before the Ses. on the 29th inst. at 10 o'clock A. M. to answer to the charge contained in the first citation, also that the Clerk be directed to give the proper notice to the witnesses before named.

Ses. then adjourned
Closed with prayer.
Thos Whallon, Mod.

Presbyterian Ch. Sept. 29th 1857

Ses. met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer. Members all present. The Clerk reported that he had given Mrs. Terhune due notice of the meeting, and that she had requested a postponement of her trial for a few days in consequence of sickness. Her request was granted and another meeting was appointed to be held in this place on the 13th of Oct. next at 10 o'clock A. M. and the Clerk was directed to notify Mrs. Terhune of the meeting and also to cite the witnesses in the case. Ses. adjourned.

Closed with prayer.
Thos. Whallon, Mod.

Rensselaer, Oct. 13th 1857

Ses. met and was opened with prayer. Members present Thos Whallon, Mod., Elders Ezra Wright and R. H. Milroy, and John Coen. Notice was received that Mrs. Terhune was again sick and desired a postponement of her trial to some future day. Ses. therefore appointed another meeting for that purpose to be held in this place on the 3rd day of Oct. at 10 o'clock A. M. In view of a statement made to session that some of the witnesses would probably leave the place before the time of the next meeting. Therefore, Resolved that the members of session or any two of them who may find it convenient to perform the service, be appointed a commission to take the testimony of witness, where from such cause it may be found necessary.

Ses. then adjourned.

Closed with prayer.
Thos. Whallon, Mod.

Oct. 3rd 1857

Session met pursuant to adjournment. Present Rev. Thos Whallon Mod., Elders Ezra Wright, R. H. Milroy, John Coen. Opened with prayer by the Mod. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Moderator inquired of the Clerk if he had given proper notice of this meeting to the parties and witnesses. To which the Clerk replied in the affirmative. The Moderator then inquired if the parties were ready to proceed in the trial. The charge having was then read to the defendant to which she plead not guilty. The Moderator then reminded the Session of their duty as a Church Court as requested by Discipline. The session then proceeded to hear the testimony on the part of the prosecution. Thereupon the following proceedings were produced and read. Rensselaer Oct. 17th, 1857.

Miss A. Bickel having given notice of her intention to leave this place before the day set for trial of this case to reside at Bradford, White County to teach school. Ezra Wright and R. H. Milroy were appointed a committee to take her testimony. The accused was notified to meet them at the house of Mr. Whallon on Sat. the 17th of October at --o'clock, A. M. The committee met at the time appointed and proceeded to take her testimony.

Miss A. Bickel being duly sworn.

Question, State what your known about the frequency and length of Mr. Blackfords visits at Mrs. Terhunes during the absence of her husband. Ans. I have seen go there often between 9 o'clock P.M. and 11 o'clock A. M. and 2 and 4 o'clock P. M. and [illegible] the length of time he stated. He was there over t hours and her husband was not at home the times above mentioned. Ques. Do yo know anything about a window being closed and other suspicious circumstances during those visits? A. I on one occasion saw a window

being up and in not exceeding 5 minutes it was down. I went in there one day and both doors standing open he (Dr. B.) was sitting on the table she was leaning over on his leg and looking at a daguerreotype no other person about the room about the room she was very much confused.

Cross Examined--Question, was the window put down in the forenoon or in the afternoon? A. in the afternoon after o'clock. . What time was that you came to the door? A. in the morning, not later than 9 o'clock. Q. where was Mr. Terhune? Ans. One time I he was gone to his sisters. Ques. what time was it you saw these things? A. One time on the morning Miss Emma Martin was married.

Read and approved before signing.
A. J. Bickel

Mr. Caleb H. Downing Sworn.

Q. Have you known Dr. B. going frequently to visit Mr. Terhune's house during the time Specified in the charges? A. Yes. Q. Did you know it to be in the absence of Mr. Terhune? A. Yes. Q. Have you observed the length of time occupied in those visits? A. I did once he stayed about one hour. Q. Have you ever noticed anything unusual in the time or manner of those visits? A. I noticed him going there once in an unusual manner I was called on once to notice his going then I saw a red rag on it looked like it a hanging out of the window. I was standing near Mr. Irwins store. Q. What kind of weather was it? Ans. It was pleasant weather I think in June.

Cross examined by Mr. Terhune.

Q. The Moderator at this point decided that no person outside the court had a right or could be permitted to manage a case for the accused from which decision Mr. Wright appealed while he admitted the decision of the moderator to be in accordance with the rules laid down in the dicipline yet he thought in the present case owing to the fact that the accused was in feeble health and this trial had been twice adjourned on that account and that Mrs. Terhune was the husband of the accused therefore there was nothing essentially wrong in permitting him to assist his wife./ The question was taken on the appeal and the appeal was sustained. Mr. Terhune proceeded to question Mr. Downing. Q. Was my family in health at the time? A. I think your little girl was sick had sore eyes. Q. Do you know his (Dr.B.) bisisness there at that time? Ans. I suppose he went there as a physician. Q. The time he stayed so long was it when the child was sick? And. I suppose it was. Q. How do you know he stayed so long? Ans. I had no time piece I merely guessed at it. Ques. Who called your attention to this matter? A. I think it was Thomas Irwin. Ques. Do you know what this red rag was? Ans. I suppose it was a rag. Ques. You cannot say whether it was a rag or a curtain? A. I cannot say positively which. Ques. You have been at my house often? Ans. Yes. Ques. Did you ever see anything out of the way? A. No. Ques. by R. H. Milroy, How long were these frequent visits continued? Ans. During the last ten months and in the Spring he visited almost every day. Q. By Mr. Coen, Did this red rag remain hanging out after Dr. B. went in? A. I think it did.

Read to witness and approved
C. H. Downing

Jesse Boys sworn.

Q. Have you at any time known Dr. B. to visit Mr. Terhune? Ans. Have once or twice. Ques. Did you observe the time spent in those visits? Ans. I did once. He stayed from 3/4 of an hour to an hour.

Ques. Had you any particular object in noticing the length of time spent? Ans. I had not except my attention was called to notice it.
Cross Examined
Ques. Who called your attention to this? Ans. Dr. Pierce. Ques. Did you know his object in calling your attention to it? Ans. I did not.

Read and approved
Jesse Boys

Dr. R. C. Pierce Sworn
Q. Can you state anything in regard to the frequency of those visits of Dr. B. to Mr. Terhunes? Ans. I think it would amount to 3 times a week during the ten months spoken of. Ques. Have you observed the length of those visits? A. I have known him to stay from a few minutes to 3 hours. The great majority of them were over an hour. Ques. Have those visits generally been in the absence of Mr. Terhune Ans. His long visits were invariably. Q. Have you observed anything unusual in the manner of those visits and if so state what they are. Ans. My attention was called to it on one occasion as I came home from the country on the Sabbath just as the bell was ringing for church. I saw Mr. Terhune and his son going to the church the door of Mr. Terhunes house was open when I first saw the house it was closed in a short time and a red rag or comfort I took it to be hanging on the door handle just after the second bell rang I saw Dr. B. go in I did not notice whether he took the cloth in as he went in as I went to my house after putting my horse away it occured to me that I would notice. I looked and the cloth was not there. He did stayed until the congregation at the Methodist Church was dispersed at another time I am noticed the door was open and the blind at the was turned to one side and a white cloth was hanging at the window. Dr. B. went there and the door was closed and the blind was let down and he remained near an hour. Que. what time in the year was it? An. The first time was in April I think the last time sometime in mid summer. Q. Have you ever at any other time observed these signs that you considered unusual or remarkable? A. I do not know that I can state any particular time. Ques. by Mr. R. H. Milroy Have you ever seen him approach the house in an unusual manner? A. I not know that I have.
Cross Examined
Qu. Did you know that he was employed there as a Physician? Ans. I suppose he was. Ques. Has a physician any length of time to stay? Ans. I consider 10 minutes long enough in ordinary cases. . Do you know where Mr. Terhune was at those times? A. Once I think you were at church. Q. How come you to take such particular notice? Ans. I had heard of a sign being hung out and when I saw the rag on the door I noticed that Mr. Terhune was not at home. Ques. Do you know of any one being sick at my house at the time before spoken of? Ans. I cannot say. Ques. what was the colour of the window curtain you spoke of? A. I do not reccollect? Ques. What window was that at? Ans. It was the front window north of the door. Ques. Do you know who started these reports about a sign being hung out? Ans. My wife first and then at Irwins store quite a number of persons.

Read and approved
R. C. Pierce

Mrs. S. A. Pierce sworn
Ques. Have you frequently observed that Dr. B. frequently visited Mr. Terhunes house during the time specified in the 1st specification? Ans. Yes, I have. Ques. Have you noticed any marked regularity in those visits? A. Yes I have seen him for some time near

day and then once in 2 or 3 days. ues. Have you ever observed the length of time spent in those visits? Ans. Yes from one to three hours. Ques. Have you ever known him to visit there when there was no sickness in the family? Ans. Yes I have been there and saw him there when I did not know of any sickness in the family. Ques. Can you say how often? Ans. Twice I think. Ques. Did you leave him there or did he leave before you did? Ans. At one time I left him there about an hour then Mrs. Terhune and D. B. both left the house together. Ques. Did you ever observe any of those supposed signs and if so state what you have seen. A. Yes on one sabbath I noticed the door was open and a red sign on the handle of the door. The door was shut and I saw Mr. Terhune going toward the Presbyterian Church and in ten minutes afterwards I saw Dr. B. go in. He stayed till the people were just leaving the church and after he left I noticed the sign was not on the door. Ques. Have you ever seen him going in the house the back way? Ans. Yes I saw him 3 times a going through the barn yard. Ques. Did you ever know Dr. B. to enter the house and during his stay there a window to be closed? Ans. Yes, once. Ques. Which window was it? Ans. It was in the end next the street. Q. Where was you at the time? Ans. I was at Mr. Whallon Ques. How long was it after you entered this house? Was it till he went in? A ns. Not more than 5 minutes. Ques. Did you notice the house whether it was open or closed in front Ans. I did the door was closed and window north of the door was raised about 3 inches and the paper was down. Ques. can you tell about the time this window was closed? Ans. it was either in July or August. Q. by Mr. Coen was there no one else at Mr. Terhunes at the time you saw Dr. B. there? Ans. the children at that time Mrs. Terhune and Dr. B. wnt in the room and closed the door. I asked Willie if he was sick he said he was not sick. Q. This occured while you were there? Ans. Yes.

Cross examined.

Ques. who was those others you spoke of as noticing the window closed Ans. Mrs. Whallon. Ques. Do you recollect what day that window was put down. A. Yes it was on Wednesday. Ques. What room did Dr. B. and Mrs. Terhune go in? Ans. I was in the kitchen they went into the front or setting room. Q. What time of day was it that the window was closed? Ans. It was in the afternoon. Ques. Was you and Mrs. Whallon posting yourselves in regard to it? Ans. No, Mrs. Whallon said that the window was put down and I looked and it was so it was very warm.

Read and approved
Sarah A. Pierce

T. W. Samson sworn

Q. Has your attention ever been called to the frequency of Dr. B. visits to Mr. Terhune. Ans. I very often saw him going there. Q. Have you observed the length of time he stayed on those visits. Ans. I cannot say I never took notice to the length of time. Ques. Do you know whether these were at times when there was no sickness in the family? Ans. I frequently made enquiry of different persons if they knew if the family were sick and sometimes they were and sometimes they were not.

Read and approved
T. W. Lamson

Mrs. A. Lamson sworn
Ques. Have you ever knew of Dr. B. frequently visiting Mr. Terhunes Ans. Yes, I have. Ques. Did you ever know of her being there when the family were in ordinary health. A. Yes. Ques. Did you ever meet him at the house. Ans. Yes I saw him go there when I did not know of them being sick and I went over to see if any of them were sick. I went in at the kitchen door it was shut I did not knock the room door nxt the kitchen was partly open I knocked but did not wait but went in to the room. Mr. B. came out of the bedroom and Mrs. Terhune followed . She asked me to set down. I did not do it; she asked me a second time but I refused but told her I saw the Dr. a going there and I came to see if any of them was sick. She replied that they were not that she would not give a cent for a Dr. that would not come see her when she was well. Q. Did Mrs. Terhune appear muchconfused when you saw her under those circumstances. Ans. Yes I thought she did very much.
Cross Examined
Ques. by Mr. Terhune, When was this? Ans. I think it was in the fore part of the summer. Ques. Was there any other person about the house at that time. Ans. No none but a baby.

Read and approved
A. Lamson

Mrs. Harriet Whallon sworn
Ques. State what you know about Dr. B. visiting Mrs. Terhunes in the absence of Mr. Terhune. Ans. I have knew him go there very often from the time I commenced noticing the time he stayed. I never knew him stay less than 2 hours. I never knew Mr. Terhune to be at home except once. Ques. Did you live where you had an opportunity of observing those visits? Ans. Yes. Ques. Did you observe anything unusual in his approaching the house. Ans. I have known him to go in without knocking and sometimes at the back door. Ques. Did you know him to go when the family was in health? Ans. Yes frequently. Ques. have you ever observed any suspicious circumstances during his visits there? Ans. Yes, I have seen things I knew was not right. Ques. State what they were. Ans. At one time I went in at the back door without knocking. The middle door was partly open. I went in and found Dr. B. and Mrs. Terhune sitting on the settee together. At another time I went in on an errand and I noticed Mrs. Terhune was very uneasy and took her seat by the window and kept looking down street. She turned her back at length to the window and her face flushed up. I looked out and saw Dr. B. a coming. I left before he got into the house and Mrs. Terhune went in and shut the door and Dr. B. went in. At another time, I went in, Mrs. Terhune met me with a chair in her hand. She appeared very much disconcerted. I had sat down before I noticed Dr. B. In the house. Q.Was any of the family sick at any of the times here spoken of? Ans. I think not. Ques. Was there any other suspicious circumstances that you saw? Ans. I saw a window put down at the time Mrs. Pierce spoke of. Ques. What time did those things occur? Ans. the first time was in the later part of the fall or in the winter and the other in the early part of the Spring. Ques. Did you say anything to Mrs. Terhune? Ans. I did not. Ques. Can you tell about the time this window was put down? Ans. in June or July. Ques. by Mr. Coen, Mr. Terhune was not at home at any time that he (Dr.B) was there? A. No. Ques. Had you any intimation of his business? A. No. Ques. Was the children in the house any of those times you

spoke of? Ans. I never found them there that I remember.
Cross examined
Q. By Mr. Terhune, Do you know whether I employed the Dr. as a physician in my family? Ans. I presume you had. I heard Mrs. Terhune say he was their physician. Ques. Have not you saw him administer medicine? A. Yes once or twice. Ques. Did you call while the little girl had sore eyes and did you know whether he attended on the little girl. Ans. I saw him go a great many times while the little girl was sick. Ques. Was your in when Millie had the scarlet fever and the little girl had the flue? Ans. I was not in when the little boy was sick. I was when the little girl was taken. Ques. What was the Dr. and Mrs. Terhune doing when they were sitting on the settee? A. I do not know. Ques. Was the little girl's gums cut at that time? A. I cannot say Mr. Terhune remarked to me that they had sat down for that purpose but the little girl was so ugly she would not have it done. Ques. What day was this window put down? Ans. It was on Wednesday. Ques. What shed was the children playing under? Ans. The one you use for a summer kitchen.
Thomas Whallon sworn
Qus. State what you know about Dr. B. going there in the absence of Mr. Terhune? A. I have observed him visiting there at such hours that Mr. Terhune was generally absent home during the latter part of last winter and spring from 9 o'clock till towards noon. Ques. Did you notice anything unusual in his manner of approaching the house? Ans. The only circumstance I remember was one Sabbath day about the first part of March perhaps the 6th, Dr. B. passed up street about the time the bell for church was ringing. Dr. B. came back and went in shortly after the last bell rang. I did not notice when he went away. I paid no attention after about an hour the other circumstance was this sometime late last fall or early in the winter I saw Mr. Terhune leave about 9 o'clock. I went out. I saw this red article hanging from the window North of the door. Qus. did you ever mention these circumstances to Mrs. Terhune? No, I informed her in regard to those signs. Ques. What time was it that you mentioned those to her? Ans. about the latter part of July. Ques. Was that previous to the general talk about the matter? Ans. It was after I made enquiry of him (Mr. Terhune) whether he was aware of these reports.
Cross examined
Que. Was Mrs Terhune alone those times you speak of? A. I do not know whether she was or not. Ques. Did you whether Mrs. Terhune was sick at the tme spoken of in March? An. I did not know I could not say whether she was or not. Ques. Did you ever say anything to any one previous to your mentioning it to Mr. Terhune? Ans. A short time previous. Ques. Who was it? Ans. A short time before to the mechanic that was working on my house. We had some conversation about it and a casual remark may have been made to other individuals Ques. Did you not consider it a duty to mention it to Mrs. Terhune as a member of your church. Ans. I revolved the matter in my mind and as soon as I deemed it my duty I mentioned it to Mr. Terhune as a first step. Ques. was you into Mr. Terhunes house durig these rumors to know if there was any sickness? Ans. Yes, I was in a few times. Ques. Was any person sick when you was in there? Ans. Yes, on one occasion the little girl was sick. Ques. Was you ever there after the time Mrs. Tichenor and Miss McKnight was there? Ans. I do not remember of being there after that time. Ques. was you in

when the little girls eyes were sore? A. I do not remember of being there.

Read and approved
Thos. Whallon

It being late the session adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. See new book for the remainder of testimony

INFANT BAPTISMS

Childrens Names	By whom presented
Hannah Julian Wright, Aug. 17, 47, Rev. B.	Ezra Wright and Martha, his wife
John Roberts } 1845 Rev. T. N. Chesnut Albert Tower } 49, July 31,	John S. Tower and Sabina his wife
Eliza Layman, May 30, '52, E. W. Wright	John Coen & Asendth Coen, His wife
Marquis Marshell Wright-Sept30, 1852,	E Wright and Martha, his wife
Valrius Armintage Milroy Aug. 17, 1855,	Whallon, T. H. Milroy and Mary Jane, his wife

Morella Jand Coen--John and Sarah Coen--Born Sept. 17th, 1855, and baptized Jan. 27/56--Rev. T. Whallon
Louisa Clarissa Wilson--John A. Wilson--Baptized Jan. 27, 1856--Rev. T. Whallon
Leuella Behham--Mary J. Terhune--Born Jan. 7th 1855, baptized Arp. 20th/56--Rev. T. Whallon
Lavina Howe--Baptized April 20th, 1856--Rev. T. Whallon

Adults:
Harriet Frances--Rev. Thos. and Harriet Whallon--Born Feb., 1851
Womust A. Crockett--Carolin Crockett--Baptized Sept. 17th, 1856--Rev. W. McLurskey
David B.--Carolin Crockett--Baptized May, 1856--Rev. Thos Whallon
Sarah Ann--Carolin Crockett-- " " " " " "
William W.--Carolin Crockett--Age 8--Rev. Thos. Whallon
Mary C.--Caroline Crocket--May 1856--Rev. Thos. Whallon
Chrles--Caroline Crocket--May 1856-- Rev. Thos. Whallon
1861 Bruce Milroy--Mr. And Mrs. Milroy--Rev. H. A. Mayhew
1861 Harriet Coen--Mr. and Mrs. John Coen-- " " "
-----Davies)
Davies)--Mrs. D. F. Davies--Rev. H. A. Mayhew
Oct. Anna Jane Lamson--Mrs. Eliza Lamson--Rev. Horace A. Mayhew
Oct. Charles Edwin" }
Oct. Ally Ann Lamson) Mrs. D. Lamson--Rev. Horace A. Mayhew
June28, Mary Elizabeth Mayhew--Mr. And Mrs. H. A. Mayhew--about 2 months--Rev. E. W. Wright, D.D.

Book II

Continuation of Mrs. Terhune's Case

Day Saturday morning Oct. 24th
Session met pursuant to adjournment. Opened with prayer. Members present as on yesterday. Session proceed with the taking of testimony.
Mrs. A. Lawson recalled
Ques. Did you ever see Dr. B. go in the back way? Ans. Yes twice a across the back way. Ques. What time in the year was it you saw Dr. B. in Mr. Terhunes house with Mrs. Terhune? Ans. I think it was last October.
Mrs. Whallon recalled
Ques. from what direction did you see the window? Ans. through the window at the end of the house next Mr. Terhunes.
Peter Rhodes Sworn
Ques did you ever pay any attention to the length of time Dr. B. stayed on those visits. Ans. Yes about an hour.
Cross Examined
Ques, How come you to notice these visits? Ans. Because it was generally noticed and I noticed a few. Ques. Did you know his business? Ans. I understood he was employed as a physician. Ques. Did you ask Mr. Ter. if any person was sick at my house? Ans. Yes, and he informed me the child was sick.

Peter Rhoades

Mr. C. B. Barnes sworn
Have you ever observed him(Dr.B) approach the house in an unusual manner? Ans. I saw him once go in the back way. Ques About what time of day was that? Ans. I think about 9 or 10 o'clock A.M. Ques. Did you ever notice any difference in the windows after he went in? Ans. I did not the blinds were down the little girls eyes were sore I believe. Ques. what distance did he go up the street before he started toward the house? Ans. Nearly opposite my house
Cross Examined
Ques. Do you know whether he was not at Mr. Bises at that time. Ans. I think not.

C. B. Barnes

Mrs. Barnes sworn
Ques Did you ever notice Dr. B. approach Mr. Terhunes house in an unusual manner? Ans. Yes several times. I cannot say how often perhaps 3 or 4. Ques. Was that within the last 10 months? A. Yes, sir. Ques. Will you state the time of day? Ans. One time between 4 and 5 o'clock the other about sunset. Ques. Did you observe any suspicious circumstances attend any his visits to Mr. Terhunes? Ans. Only on his part going in the back way sitting on the fence and lookin round I suppose to see if any person was observing him.
Cross Examined
Question, Did you know from what point he went when he went in the back way? Ans. Once he went from my house he told he was going there

M. A. Barnes

The prosecution here rested the testimony and the accused was ordered to proceed with the testimony in the defence.
Mrs. Livina Howe sworn
Ques. Have you been at my house in the last 10 months? Yes. Ques. Was ~~you there when? Ans.~~ there any sickness at my house when you was there? Ans. Always every time I have been there I believe. Ques. Did you ever see Dr. B. at my house? Ans. Yes, twice. Ques. Do you know what he was called there for? Ans. Once he was there with his wife giving a call, and once as a physician the children was sick and

saw him possibly for it. Ques. Did you see anything wrong in any of his conduct while he was there? Ans. I did not. Ques. Did you ever see any signs out? A ns. No.

Cross Examined

Ques. Were you at Mr. Terhunes very often in the last ten months? Ans. Not very often. Q. Did you ever hear Mrs. Terhune make any remark about those visits of Dr. B. Ans. I did not.

L. Howe

Mrs. Nancy Howe sworn

Ques. Have you been at my house in the last ten months? Ans. Yes. Que. Was the family in health or sick? A. They were tolerably at that time. I have been there several times sometimes they were well and sometimes they were sick. One time Mrs. Terhune was quite sick. Ques. Did you ever see anything out of character at my house? Ans. No I did not. Ques. Did you ever see any signs out? Ans. No I did not. Ques. Have you ever seen anything suspicious? Mrs. Terhunes character at my home? Ans. No I did not. Ques. Did you ever come to Mrs. Terhune and tell her about those reports that were going about? A. I did. Ques. How did you tell Mrs. Terhune about this in a laughing joking way or in earnest? Ans. It was in a laughing, joking way. I had not heard anything that was essentially wrong.

Cross examined--

Ques. What time in the season was it you told her this? Have you been rsiding in this place most of the time in the last ten months? Ans. Not more than half the time

Nancy Howe

W. D. Lee sworn

Ques. Have you been at my house within the last ten months? Ans. Yes, frequently. Ques. State if you have seen any misconduct in my family. A. I have not. Q. Never did you see Dr. B. there? Ans. I have several times. Ques. what was his business? Ans. He was there as a physician. Ques. Did you ever see any misconduct between him and Mrs. Terhun when you was there? Ans. I never have. She always appeared as much of a lady in my presence as I ever met with here. Ques. Have you ever saw him approach there? A. I have watched him on purpose. Ques. in what way did he approach? A. He always went in at the front door when I saw him. Ques. Did you ever notice the length of time he stayed? And. I never did particularly but once or twice they were not longer than ordinary professional visits. Ques. Did you ever see any signs hung out? Ans. I saw what they called a sign a gentleman took me out and showed me what he called a sign. Ques. State what those signs were. Ans. It was a window curtain the window was raised 4 or 5 in. and the curtain blowing out at the window the wndow looked from town as though it was not raised. I went up to ascertain what it was whether it was a sign I think it was the same time Dr. Pierce alluded to yesterday. Ques. Did you see Dr. B. Go to my house at that time? Ans. No, I did not he was at there when I went up nor did I tell any person the object of my visit. Ques. Was Mr. Terhune at home at that time? Ans. I do not think he was I think at work in the shop. Ques. Have you been there any time in the last ten months but what there was some one sick? A. If I have been at all it was very seldom some of the family have been sick most of the time. Mrs. Terhune herself has been a great part of the time. Ques. Did you ever see any signs on the door knob? Ans, I never saw anything but the window curtain. Ques. Did you ever see any windows closed after Dr. B. went there? Ans. I never

did at the time the window was reported to be shut down the little girls eys were sore and the windows ordered to be kept closed. I was theme and the room was quite dark the child could not bear the light. Ques. Do you know when Henry Goby died? Ans. on the [illegible] February. Ques. do you know whether Mr. Terhune was there? Ans. He was at the funeral and came home the morning after the funeral Sabbath morning. Ques. was Mrs. Terhune sick at that time? A. She was quite sick at that time and had a nurse. Ques. Did you once visit the house and find Mrs. Terhune and Dr. B. there alone? Ans. I do not that I ever did.

Cross examined

Ques. What relation are you to Mrs. Terhune? Ans. My wife is a niece of Mr. Terhune. Ques. How often have you been there in the last ten months? Ans. I think as often as once a week. I am not able to say how often. Ques. How far do you live from there? Ans. about 1/4 of a mile. Ques. It was not in sight. Ans. my office was in sight. Ques. What time was it that you saw this window curtain? Ans. It was in April or May probably it was in the afternoon I think. Ques. How do you know it was at the time that Dr. Pierce saw the curtain? Ans. Peter Rhoades called me out and called my attention to it there were several others standing there at the time I think Dr. Pierce and Jesse Boys were there. Ques. How long were the little girls eyes sore? Ans. They about three weeks that she was kept in a dark room. They were several months afterwards before she got well. Ques. Do you whether the child was allowed to run of doors about the time the window was put down? Ans. I do not think she was able to be out at that time. I think it was at the time her eyes were very sore. Ques. Do you whether Mrs. Terhuns health was such as to prevent her making calls and visits to her neighbours late last fall or last winter? Ans. She was not every day. Ques. How do you know that the house was ordered to be kept dark? Ans. I was there and understood it to be the order of the Physician I will that in the summer they used the back room or kitchen. I often went in the back door the window curtain had been a red merino but very much faded but I think especially that portion that hung down and was blowing out it was faded more there than elsewhere.

W. D. Lee

Mrs. Naomi A. Lee sworn

Ques. Have you been at my house in the last ten months? A. I have frequently. Ques. What condition did you find the health of my family generally? Ans. Generally some of them were sick. Ques. Was you ever there when Dr. B. was there? Ans. Yes. Ques. Did you ever see any misconduct between him and Mrs. Terhun when you were there? Ans. I never did. Ques. Do you know when Mrs. Terhun cleaned the house took the change from the winter what time it was in the spring Ans. I cannot say It was before very warm weather. Ques. Do you know where the settee sets at this time? Ans. it sets at the south side of the house. Ques. Do you know when the cradle was taken out of the house? Ans. I cannot say. I do not remember of it having been used for a year you used the settee for a cradle. Ques. Do remember the time when you and Mrs. Swangle visited us if the little girl was well? Ans. She was not she broke out the next day with the scarlet fever. Ques. Can you state what time of the year it was? Ans. It was in last December. Ques. Did you ever see any signs hanging out? Ans. I never saw anything but the window curtain it had red flowers on it where the sun shone on it was faded out very much. Ques. Where were you when you saw the signs? Ans. I was going up the street from

the Old Courthouse towards the Methodist Church I could did I would go up and see what it was I saw it an another time and know it was the same thing. Ques. What time of year was that? Ans. It was one time in the latter part of the spring the other time I do not remember. Ques. Was you ever there when Dr. B. and Terhune were there alone? Ans. I do not remember of being there but that some of the children were there or some other person. Ques. Did you ever see him approach the house in a different way from any other individuals? A. I did not. Ques. Do you whether Dr. B. got butter or milk at house? A. I think I saw him take butter away from there once. Ques. Was Mr. Terhune ever at home when Dr. B. was there? Ans. Yes sometimes he was and sometimes he was not. Ques. Do you reccollect of Mrs. Terhun and Spinger and Strotter visiting your house last fall? Ans. Yes. Ques. Do you know how the children came before the rest? Ans. The chilaren got there first but cannot say how long. Q. Was it to dinner? A. Yes.

Cross Examined

Q. At what time was this visit? A. I think it was in November it was when she was in tolerable health. Ques. Was any member of the family sick at that time? A. No the little girl was able to be taken out. Ques. How often did you visit Mr. Terhunes? Ans. Sometimes every day and sometimes not for a week or two. Ques. Were they always well when you visited them? A. Sometimes they were all about but generally some of them were sick when I was there Mrs. Terhune herself was very sick part of the time. Ques. Was it customary for visitors to go in the back way? Ans. I frequently went in that way ad saw others do it. Ques. What relation are you to Mrs. Terhune? Ans. I am a niece of Mrs. Terhunes. Ques. Were the family in such a condition of health as to require the attendance of a physician when you was there? Ans. Generally they were.

N. A. Lee

C. W. Hinkle sworn

Ques. Are you acquainted with my family? A. Yes. Ques. Have you seen any signs hanging out? Ans. I have been called on to look but have never seen any. Ques. Have ou seen Dr. B. go to my house. Ans. I have known him go there and that there was sickness in the family and that he was the family physician. Ques. Did you ever see anything about my house that look suspicious? Ans. No. Ques. Were you called to look through a spy glass. Ans. Mr. Rhoades called on me for the key of the court house and said that he had the promise of Mr. Morheis spy glass or could get it I do not remember which and they told me the purpose for which they wanted it. Ques. Did you ever see Dr. B. approach the house in any other way from what others usually did? Ans. I did not.

Cross Examined

Ques. Are you particularly intimate with Mr. Terhunes family have you visited their house frequently? Ans. I am intimately acquainted with the family but have not visited them. Q. Do you know that there was always sickness there when Dr. B. visited them? Ans. I did not. Ques. What purpose that they wanted the spy glass for? Ans. To make an observation of Mr. Terhunes house and to find out whther Dr. B. was there.

C. W. Henkle

J. H. Loughridge sworn

Ques. Have you been at Mr. Terhune in the last ten months? Ans. I have. Ques. What condition did you find the family when you were there? Ans. I was called on professionally to see the family every

time I have been there within the last year. Ques. How was you called? Ans. I was called in consultation with Dr. B. Ques. Who was sick when you was called? Ans. The little girl the first time and once Mrs. Terhune. Ques. Were they very sick at the time? Ans. Yes. Ques. Did you ever see any misconduct of Mrs. Terhune when you was there? Ans. No. Ques. Did you ever see any signs hanging out? Ans. No. Ques. Did you consider it proper to have the room darkened when the little girls eyes were sore? A. Yes, and directed it to be kept so. Ques. Did you see Dr. B. approach my house in any other way than the usual way? Ans. No he went in at the front door. Ques. What would be a reasonable time to examine the childs eyes and prescribe under the circumstances? Ans. I was difficult to get to examine and took considerable time to get it quieted. Ques. Could you have done it in ten minutes? Ans. No I was longer than that. I was there perhaps an hour. Ques. Is this child a stout hearty child or no? Ans. It is rather a feeble constitution.

Cross Examined

Ques. What time was it the child was sick? Ans. It was sometime last summer perhaps near harvest. Ques. What length of time was it eyes sore? Ans. To my knowledge it was sick several weeks. Ques. Did you ever go in at the back door? Ans. No but think I went out that way once.

J. H. Loughridge

John Spangle sworn

Ques. Are you acquainted with my family? Ans. Yes. Ques. Have you been there in the last 10 months? Ans. Yes. Ques. How often in that time? Ans. I cannot say definitely at least half a dozen times. Ques. What condition did you generally find the family in regard to health? Ans. They were sick most of the time. Ques. Did you know what physician I employed? Ans. Dr. Bickford. Ques. Have you ever seen Dr. B. at my house or any misconduct between him and Mrs. Terhune? Ans. I have seen him there but never seen anything wrong. Ques. Did you ver see any signs out? Ans. No. Ques. Any windows closed Ans. The windows were all closed when the little girl was sick and the room dark.

Cross Examined

Ques. During this last winter were you ever invited to dine or to tea? Ans. I was twice that I recollect. Ques. Was there other persons present at the time? Ans. Yes. Ques. Were those any of the family sick at the time? Ans. Yes, I think they were. Que. Was Mrs. Terhune in good health at the time? Ans. One time she was not. Ques. She has visited your house frequently during the winter and spring? Ans. She has.

J. B. Spangle

Mrs. Emily Spangle sworn

Ques. Have you been to my house frequently in the last 10 months? Ans. Yes. Ques. Was you ever there when Dr. B. was there? Ans. Yes. Ques. Do you know his business? Ans. He was called there as a physician the family were sick. Ques. Did you ever see any misconduct between Dr. B. and Mrs. Terhune? Ans. No. Ques. Anything that looked suspicious? Ans. I never did. Ques. Did you know him to get the butter there and how long? Ans. I have. I think for about one year. Ques. Do you know of the family being sick? Ans. Yes. Ques. State which one. Ans. One time the little girl and at another time William was sick. Ques. Did they need medicine at that time? Ans. Yes I thought so. Ques. Was you there during the summer? Ans. Yes. Ques. Did we have to keep the room dark at any time you were there? Ans.

Yes when the childs eyes were sore. Ques. Was you ever at my house when Dr. B. and Mrs. Terhune were there alone? Ans. Yes the little girl was then sick. Ques. Did she need medicine? Ans. Yes. Ques. Did you ever see any signs hung out? Ans. No.

Cross Examined

Ques. Did the Dr. generally go after butter himself? Ans. I saw him get butter I don't know that he always went himself. Ques. Were you present with your husband at those dining parties? Ans. Yes. Ques. Was any member of the family under the physicians cure at the time? Ans. There was. Ques. Was the family sick every time you was there? Ans. I do not know that they were under the Dr. Care every time. I have been there. Ques. How often have you been there in the last 10 months? Ans. Sometimes once a week and sometimes every day or every other day. Ques. Did Dr. B. come in while you were there? Ans. Yes. Ques. Did he come in the back way? Ans. No, I do not reccollect his coming in that way. Ques. What time of day did you make your visits Ans. All hours of the day. Ques. How much of the time in the last 10 months has the family been under the physicians care? Ans. Most of the time.

Emily Spangle

Dr. Wm. Tichenor sworn

Ques. Have you been at my house in the last 10 months? Ans. Yes. Ques. What condition did you find the family in as to health? A. I found the childs eyes very much affected. Ques. Did you see any misconduct on the part of Mrs. Terhune when you saw her in the last 10 months. Ans. I have not. Ques. Did you ever see any signs hanging out of the window or door? Ans. No. Ques. What length of time does it generally take a physician to examine a patient and prescribe? Ans. That depends upon the situation of the patient sometimes in a few minutes other times it has taken me a half a day. Ques. How long do you think it would take you to examine the little girls eyes when they were sore. A. It would sometimes require not more than fifteen minutes and at others it might have taken me 2 hours.

Cross Examined

Ques. How often have you visited Mr. Terhunes house during the last 10 months? Ans. Some 3 or 4 times it might have been more I cannot say. Ques. What length of time was you in examining the child's eyes Ans. Something near half an hour. Ques. By Mr. Terhune Was it your advice to keep the room dark? Ans. It was. Ques. Did you advise the putting a shade over the childs eyes? A. Yes.

Wm. Tichenor

Mrs. Nancy Tichenor sworn

Ques. What condition have you known my family to been in the last ten months in regard to health? Ans. I do not reccolect of having been there any time during that time but some one or other of the family have been sick. Ques. Have you been there when Dr. B. was there? Ans. I never met him there but once during this time and the childs eyes were sore at that time after I heard these reports I saw Dr. B. going in the direction of the house made it a business to go and see if the Dr. was at Mr. Terhunes house but never found him there. Ques. Did Mrs. Strode ever come on the same business? Ans Yes, Mrs. Strode and I walked over together one evening. Ques. Did you ever see anything wrong when at my house? Ans. No. Ques. Was you at my house at one time when Miss McKnight and Mary Work was there at the same time? Ans. I was. Ques. Do you reccollect what time it was? Ans. It was in March or April last. Ques. Did you see

any signs clotsh hanging out? Ans. No. Ques. Did you ever see the window put down? A. Yes I was there one time and the window next Mr. Whallons and the blind was up and I put the window down just at that time I saw Miss A. Bickel standing in Mr. Whallons room in the room next Mr. Terhunes house I remarked if I let this window down it may cause some remarks and just at that time saw Dr. B. pull up along going up above Mr. Terhunes house
Cross examined.
Ques. Have you visited Mr. Terhunes previous to March? Ans. I have been there some 2 or 3 times as well as I can recollect. Ques. What object had you about making the remark that putting the window down might cause remark? Ans. I had heard that Miss A. Bickel had made some remarks about it previous to that time. Ques. What time did you hear these reports? Ans. It was sometime in the fore part of the summer.

Nancy Tichenor

It now being 1/2 past five in the evening session adjourned to meet on Monday November 2nd 1857 at 10 o'clock A.M. Closed with prayer.

Monday Nov. 2nd, 1857

Session met pursuant to adjournment present as before opened with prayer by the Moderator.

Aaron Trulinger sworn

Ques. Did Miss Bickel ask for some corn meal? Ans. Yes. Ques. Did she come in or stand at the door also which door was it? Ans. She stood at the back door of the kitchen. Ques. Was Dr. B. in the house at that time? Ans. Yes. Ques. Where was he a sitting? Ans. Sitting by the side of the table. Ques. Where was Mrs. Terhune setting? Ans. She was setting by the bed in the big rocking chair. Ques. Did she have the child on her lap? Ans. Yes. Ques. Was she leaning on Dr. B. lap? Ans. No Ques. did he have a daguereotype picture in his hand Ans. Yes. Ques. What part of the house were you in? Ans. I was standing by the desk. Ques. What were you a doing? Ans. I was sewing a button on my pants. Ques. Did Mrs. Terhune rise out of the chair when Mrs. Bickel came to the house? Ans. No Ques. Did you leave the house while Dr. B. was there? Ans. No. Ques. What had Mrs. Terhune been doing that morning? Ans. Washing. Ques. Where was the little boy Willie? Ans. He was at the shop with Mr. Terhune. Ques. Did Dr. B. leave medicine that morning for the little girl? Ans. Yes. Ques. How often have you been in the house when Dr. B. came to the house? Ans. I cannot say certainly but have been there a great number of time. Ques. Did you ever know Dr. B. to come there without it was to leave medicine or get butter? Ans. Not that I can recollect. Ques. Was you ever in the house when Mrs. Whallon and Dr. B. was there? Ans. Yes several times. Ques. Was you in the house when Mrs. Whallon called and left some garden seeds? Ans. Yes. Ques. When was it? Ans. Last Spring. Ques. Was Mrs. Terhune ready to go down in town when Mrs. Whallon came in? Ans. Yes. Ques. Did Dr. B. come in after Mrs. Whallon left? Ans. Yes in a few minutes. Ques. Did he leave his dish and go? Ans.--Where else before he got the butter? Ans. I think he went to Mr. Wilsons. Ques. Did Mrs. Terhune go down town immediately after Dr. B. left? Ans. Yes. Ques. When did he come and get the butter? Ans. He got it while Missis Terhune was gone. Ques. When was the last time you saw Mrs. Lamson at my house? Ans. Last Spring. Ques. What did she want? Ans. She came after some milk. Ques. How

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long has it been since the cradle has been in the house? Ans. Something over a year. Ques. When was the settee moved to the south end of the house? Ans. Last Spring. I cannot say what month.

Cross examined

Ques. Do you know that A. Bicker could have gone there without your knowledge? Ans. Yes. Ques. Do you know whether she ever got corn meal there more than once ? Ans. I never knew her to come after any only that one time. Ques. Could garden seeds have been left frequently without your knowledge? Ans. Yes. Ques. Where did you generally stay when persons were at Mr. Terhune's house? Ans. In the house as often as any where else. Ques. Was you any considerable part of the time last winter? Ans. I was generally at home. Ques. Did you go to school last winter? Ans. Yes. Ques. After you quit school where did you stay? Ans. I was mostly at the house. Ques. When did you commence working in the shop? Ans. I cannot say the exact time but it was in the summer. Ques. How often in any week were you there last winter when Dr. B. was there? Ans. Some 2 or 3 times I think an average. Ques. Did you ever know Dr. B. to go in when you were at the ----------? Ans. Yes I have. Ques. Did you know what passed in the house? Ans. I did not. Ques. Have you ever been asked these questions before? Ans. I have read them over and hear Mr. Terhune read them once. Ques. How long have you lived at Mr. Terhune? Ans. I have lived there 4 years. Ques. When did you commence going to school. Ans. I commenced in the winter and quit in the Spring. I went all the time Mr. James taught. Ques. Was you in the house when Mrs. Whallon came with the garden seeds? Ans. I was in the kitchen the room door being open. Ques. Was you there when Miss Bickel? Ans. Yes. Ques. What time of day was it? Ans. In the fore noon. Ques. Was you at school that day? Ans. No I had to mind the child. Ques. What did they rock the child in when the cradle was out? Ans. The settee. Ques. Did the settee set under the window behind the front door? Ans. I do not remember of it ever setting there. Ques. Did Mrs. Terhune talk to you about these matters? Ans. Yes. Ques. What time was that? Ans. Last spring just before ploughing time and in ploughing time. I was at Mr. Galey about a month. Ques. How long did Dr. B. get butter there? Ans. A year or some months over it. Ques. How often on an average a week? Ans. Twice I think. Ques. Did the Dr. alway get the butter himself? Ans. No his boy sometimes got and his wife sometimes. Ques. What part of the house was Mrs. Terhune in when Miss Bickel came to the house? Ans. In the frong room. Ques. Did you or Dr. B. ever coming in at the back way? Ans. I never did. Ques. Could any person see from where Mrs. Terhune was sitting the back door of the kitchen? Ans. Yes.

signed--A. Tullinger

Mrs. Anne Bickford sworn

Ques. How long did Dr. B. get butter at my house? Ans. Yes, from the latter part of Sept., 1856. Ques. Who went for the butter? Ans. Dr. B. generally. I went a few times and the little boy after the weather got warm. Ques. Have you been at my house often during the last 18 months? Ans. I have. Ques. Was you ever there when Mrs. Whallon was at my house? Ans. Yes. Ques. Do you remember which door he went out at? Ans. Yes at the back door. Ques. Where was Mr. Terhune at that time? Ans. He was at the shop. I saw him as I passed up to your house. Ques. At what hour of the day? Ans. It was a little before 3 o'clock. Ques. Which of you were there first? Ans. He was. Ques. Did you hear his business? Ans. No, he did not tell

his business. Ques. Did you ever see any person watching at my house? Ans. I saw Mr. Whallon watching your house several times. Ques. Do you remember what time it was Dr. B. scored the childs gums? Ans. Yes it was the last of September or the 1st of October. Ques. Was you at my house the day that Miss Martin was married? Ans. Yes. Ques. Did you know of the Dr. ordering the window to be closed while the childs eyes were sore? Ans. Yes. Ques. How do you recollect of being there that day? Ans. I recollect of Mrs. Terhunes speaking of Aarons laughing about Miss Bickel asking for so small a quantity of meal and she was just finishin her washing and had kept Aaron at home to take care of the child.

Cross examined

Ques. How do you reccollect of it being that day that Miss Martin was married? Ans. because I know it and Mrs. Terhune and me were a speaking about it. Ques. How do you know that Mr. Whallon was watching the house? Ans. I saw him looking toward Mr. Terhunes house out of the window up stairs next Mr. Terhunes house. Ques. How often did you see him? Ans. From different times during the time the childs eyes were sore. Ques. Where were you when you saw him? Ans. Going to Mr. Terhunes.

Mrs. Thompson sworn

On the part of the prosecutor.

Ques. Did you often with Mrs. Terhune during the fall and winter? Ans. I met with her in the fall and previous and prevous to new year. Ques. When you met with her she appear to be in good health? Ans. Yes. I never heard her complain except once. Ques. Did you ever hear Mrs. Terhune make any explanation about putting down the window? Ans. Yes. Quek. Did she state anything in regard to the day. Ans. Yes, she stated it was on a Monday after a heavy rain it was a cool day.

Mrs. Thompson

Mrs Barnes recalled.

Ques. What made him make that remark? Ans. He came there and insulted me and I repulsed him and he said he know where he could go.

Mrs. Whallon recalled--

Qus. Do you know what condition the childs eyes were in at the time the window was put down? Ans. She was running about without her bonnet. Ques. Who was present at the time the window was put down Ans. Mrs. Pierce. Ques. by Mrs. Terhune--Mrs. Whallon, did you not advise me to take the child to LaFayette? Ans. I did advise Mrs. Terhune.

Mr. Whallon recalled.

Ques. Do you know what condition the childs

Qus. Did you notice that cloth particularly? Ans. Yes I did it was a cloth about the size of a handerchief. Ques. Are you certain that it was not the window blind? Ans. I did not notice anything of the kind. Ques. Did you ever meet Mrs. Tichenor and Miss Cork at Mr. Terhunes in the Spring. Ans. I never did.

Here the parties rested the testimony and presented their comments after which the court proceeded to their final action in the case which is as follows:

1st. Resolved. That the charge against Mrs. Mary Jane Terhune in the sense of actual adultery has not been sustained; yet in the judgment of Session she has been guilty of conduct highly improper and unchristian.

2nd. Resolved. That she be, and she hereby is suspended from the communion of the church until she gives satisfactory evidence of repentance.
3rd. Resolved. That the Moderator be directed to publish this decision from the pulpit next Sabbath.
Session then adjourned.
Closed with prayer.

Ezra Wright, Clerk

Rensselaer, Dec. 5th 1857
Session met and was opened with prayer. Members present T. Whallon, Mod., Elders Ezra Wright and John Coen. Received to membership on certificate from the As. Ref. Presbyterian Congregation of Manchester, Pa.

Catherine M. Conwell

A statement was made to Session respecting the disolution of the Bethel Church and the transfer of its members to this church by the Logansport Presbytery at its meeting in South Bend in Oct. last. The records of said church containing a roll of its membership, etc. were placed in possession of this Session.
Adjourned closed with prayer.

Thos. Whallon, Mod.

Rensselaer, Sept. 25th 1858
Session met and was opened with prayer. Members present Thos. Whallon, Mod., Elders Ezra Wright, John Coen and R. H. Milroy. Received into com. with this church on certificate, Mrs. E. K. Hemphill. Ses. then adjourned closed with prayer.

Thos. Whallon, Moderator

Rensselaer, Feb. 14th, 1859
Session met and was opened with prayer. Members present Thos. Whallon, Moderator, and R. H. Milroy, and John Coen, Elders.
A communication from Ezra Wright in which he offered a resignation of his Eldership, and requested that a record of the fact should be made upon the minutes, was received, and duly considered. And the following action respecting it was taken:
Resolved, That in the judgment of Session, we have no authority under the circumstances to accept his resignation; and that the Moderator be directed to inform Mr. Wright of this decision. Session then adjourned.
Closed with prayer.

Thos. Whallon, Mod.

Thus far examined and approved by the Presbytery of Logansport in session at Delphi, April 6th, 1859

Robert Irwin, Jr., Mod.

Rec'd. by Rev. Whallon 10 members; dismissed 2.

Feb. 1860
Mrs. Harriet Whallon and Adeline E. Bickel were dismissed at their own request to unite with the Presbyterian Church of Tipton, Ind. By order of Session.

E. Wright, C. S.

April 1st 1860
The Rev. H. A. Mayhew who had been previously employed as a stated supply commenced his Pastoral labors amongst us.

June 3rd, 1860

Mr. James McLaslin at his own request was dismissed by certificate to unite with the church of Vernon, Indiana.

By order of Session.

Ezra Wright, C. S.

July 21st 1860

Session met and was opened with prayer by the Moderator. Present the A. Mayhew, Mod., Elders C. Hutton, R. A. Milroy, John Coen, and Ezra Wright, Mr. Archibald Percupile, and Elizabeth his were admitted as members of this church on certificate from the Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso, Ind., also Miss Amalina Downing on certificate from the Methodist Episcopal Church of Valparaiso, Ind., Also Miss Julia A. and Elizabeth Smith from the Third Street Presbyterian Church, Dayton, Ohio, and on examination Miss Rosana Dunlap.

Closed with prayer.

Ezra Wright, C. S.

December 22nd, 1860

Session met at the call of the Moderator and was opened with prayer. Present M. A. Mayhew, Mod., and Elder R. H. Milroy, John Coen, and Ezra Wright, Miss Amanda J. Wilson, and Miss Sarah Crockett were admitted as members of this church on certificate from the Methodist Episcopal Church of Rensselaer, also on examination George B. Conwell.

Closed with prayer. By order of Session.

Ezra Wright, C. S.

February 21st, 1861

Mrs. Margaret Babcock was at her own request dismissed to unite with the Baptist Church of Rensselaer.

By order of Session.

Ezra Wright, C. S.

Rensselaer, Ind., Mar. 28, 1861

Session met according to previous notice and was opened with prayer.

Present: H.A. Mayhew, Moderator, Elders: C. Hutton, E. Wright, John Coen, and R. H. Milroy who voluntarily declined to act at this time.

The session took up the following item of business to wit:

1. That, some time during the past winter, he went at the request of Mr. Moody, a member of the Legislature, to Indianapolis. That after arriving, there he found there existed a serious personal difficulty between Mr. Moody and Mr. Hefner, who was also a member of the Legislature, growing out of words spoken in the heat of debate. That he used his influence to have the difficulty honorably settled without a "hostile meeting" of the parties. That the insult offered Mr. Moody by Mr. Hefner was serious; but that he hoped at the first that the matter would pass off without its going farther than Mr. Hefner's receiving a caning in the street from Mr. Moody. That if Mr. Moody <u>had</u> caned Hefner he (Milroy) would have been in sight of hearing, and would have seen that Moody was not harmed.

But that Hefner immediately left the state for the purpose of receiving any communication from Moody, evidently looking to the passing of a challenge to fight a duel. That Hefner went to Kentucky; and that he (Milroy) disliked to go thither with Moody, but that he (Moody) insisting u on his (Milroy's) accompanying him as a friend he did accompany him and used every effort while there to bring

about an agreement but without success/

That Moody finally sent a challenge to Hefner to fight a duel; and that, though Col. Walker Hefner indicated a choice of the Bowie-knife as the weapon to be used. That he (Milroy) promptly told Col. Walker, Hefner's Second, that in view of the great disparity in size between Hefner and Moody, which disparity was against Moody, he (Milroy) would take the responsibility, without consulting Mr. Moody to say that he (Moody) should not fight Hefner with such a weapon; and that he (Milroy) request Col. Walker to inform Mr. Hefner, that, if he (Hefner) insisted upon the Bowie-knife, he (Milroy) would take Moody's place and fight him (Hefner) with that weapon. That he (Milroy) did not at the time believe Hefner would fight him, but that if he (Milroy) had consented to do so, he does not think he would have "backed out." That he (Milroy) remained with Moody in Kentucky till at length through the mediation of other persons, the difficulty was arranged after the parties had arrived upon the ground designated as the place for their "hostile meting." That he (Milroy) did not act as Moody's Second, strictly speaking, but that he did carry several notes from Moody to Hefner's Second, strictly speaking, but that he did carry several notes from Moody to Hefner's Second, while there existed any prospect of arranging the matter without a fight, and before a challenge passed. That he believes dueling to be immoral. That his own course in the matter was wrong, but that there seemed to be a necessity for his taking it. That, in the future, he hoped he would, under like circumstances act differently; and that he would, under no circumstaces, advise any one, either to fight a duel, or otherwise to retaliate by violence.

2. Mr. Milroy also made to the Session, at the same time the following voluntary statemtnt, to wit:

That, for some time past, his mind had been undergoing a change upon the doctrine of the future punishment of the wicked; and that he now firmly believes that the doctrine of the endless punishment of the finally impenitent is not true, but that he believes all will be finally "restored."

That he makes, voluntarily the foregoing statement to the session upon both the foregoing matters, in order that the session may deal with him, as may be, in the judgment of the Session, for the best interest of Zion.

In view of the above Statements, the session, after carefully weighing all things in the foregoing statements contained, adopt the following resolutions, to wit:

1. Resolved, That we deem the statements of Bro. R. H. Milroy, upon either of the foregoing matters, as sufficient to require his suspension from the privileges of the Church.

2. Resolved, That Bro. Robert H. Milroy is hereby suspended from the Sacraments of the Church, till he give satisfactory evidence of the sincerity of his repentance.

3. Resolved, that the Moderator is hereby directed to publish to the Church from the pulpit the foregoing action of the session on the next Sabbath.

Closed with prayer.

Order of Session.

Horace A. Mayhew, Mod.

Presbytery approval:
Thus far examined and approved by Pres. at Rock Creek, April 4th, 1861, for with the following exceptions: 1st Members dismissed without a meeting of Session. 2nd. The business is recorded not strictly sessional.

John Thomas, Moderator

April 15, 1861
Session met and was opened with prayer. Present, H. A. Mayhew, Mod., Ezra Wright, and John Coen, Elders. Mr. Stephen M. Norris and Mrs. Carrie L. Norris, his wife, were admitted as members of this church on certificate from the First Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis, Indiana.
Closed with prayer.
By order of Session.

H. A. Mayhew, Mod.

June 8, 1861
Session met and was opened with prayer by the Moderator. Present Horace A. Mayhew, Mod., C. Hutton, Ezra Wright, and John Coen, Elders. Miss Catharine M. Wilson was admitted as a member of this church on certificate from the Methodist Episcopal Church at Rensselaer, North Western Indiana Conference.
Closed with prayer. By order of Session.

H. A. Mayhew, Mod.

January 26th 1862
Session met and was opened with prayer. Present, H. A. Mayhew, Mod. Ezra Wright and John Coen, Elders. Mrs. Louretta Clark and Mrs. Emily Spangle were admitted as members of this church upon examination; and Mrs. Mary J. Mayhew upon certificate from Versailles Presbyterian Church. Closed with prayer. By order of Session.

H. A. Mayhew, Mod.

February 16,1862
Session met and was opened with prayer. Present H. A. Mayhew, Mod., Ezra Wright and John Coen, Elders. Mr Cicero H. Gatman and Miss Mattie A. Wright were admitted as members of this church upon examination. Closed with prayer. By order of Session

H. A. Mayhew, Mod.

April 27, 1862
Session met and was opened with prayer. Present H. A. Mayhew, Mod. Ezra Wright and John Coen, Elders. Mrs. Mary E. Wilson, upon her own application was received as a member of this church, upon examination. By order of Session. By

H. A. Mayhew, Mod.

Thus far examined and approved by Presbytery at the session at Lafayette, with the one exception that in their last minute they neglected to state the fact if it is a fact. April 30;1862

Wm. P. Kontz, Moderator

January 4,1863
Session met and was opened by prayer. Present, H. A. Mayhew, Mod., Ezra Wright and John Coen, Elders. Mrs. Cushing was received as a member of this church upon certificate from the United Presbyterian Church at Cedarville, Ohio. Closed with prayer. By order of Session

H. A. Mayhew, Mod.

March 20,1864
Session met and was opened with prayer. Present H. A. Mayhew, Mod. C. Hutton and E. Wright, Ruling Elders. Miss Augusta H. Hutton was received as a member of this church upon examination. Closed with prayer. By order of Session.

H. A. Mayhew, Mod.

April 10,1864
Session met and opened with prayer. Present, H. A. Mayhew, Mod., C. Hutton and E. Wright, Ruling Elders. Mrs. Eleanor Hone, Mrs. Catharine A. Wilson and Miss Amanda Wilson were severally dismissed and recommended to the Christian fellowship of any other evangelical church to which they may desire to attach themselves; their membership with us to cease upon their being received into membership in any such Church or Churches. Closed with prayer.
By order of Session.

H. A. Mayhew, Mod.

Approved with the following exception, to wit: Members have been dismissed without designating the particular church to which they were dismissed. At Session of Presbytery. Mea Church, Sept. 1, 1864..

E. Bass, Mod.

December 10,1864
Session met and was opened with prayer. Present, H. A. Mayhew, Moderator, E. Wright, and John Coen, Elders. Miss Hattie Saylor and Miss Tirzah Coen were received as members of this church, upon certificates from the Presbyterian Church of Lebanon.
Mr. George W. Dunlap, Sarah his wife, and Miss Mattie H. Dunlap were at their own request, dismissed, and recommended to the fellowship of the Presbyterian Church at Valparaiso: Also Mrs. Lauretta Clark, at her own request. to unite with the Presbyterian Church at Covington, or any other Evangelical Church, to which, in the providence of God she may desire to become attached. By order of Session.

H. A. Mayhew, Mod.

December 10,1864
Session met and was opened with prayer. Present, H.A. Mayhew, Moderator, C. Hutton and J. Coen, Elders.
Mr. C. H. Tatman was charged by Mr. A. Purcupile, both members of this church, as follows, towit:
1. With breach of trust on or about Nov. 1,1864, in this: that he took from said Purcupile a package of three hundred and fifty dollars at Rensselaer, Ind., and, instead of delivering it to ---- of Chicago, as he agreed to do, appropriated it to his own use.
2. With falsehood, in this: that he said he had delivered said package, whereas he had not.
3. With falsehood, in this: that he said he delivered to one Geo. Gardner, esq. to be delivered by him to ---- whereas he had not done so.
4. With falsehood, in this: that he said he had said Gardner's receipt for said package, whereas he had not.
5. With forgery, in that he unlawfully and feloniously made and altered a receipt for said package, purporting to bear the signature of said Gardner, but which receipt was made by said Tatman without the knowledge of said Gardner, contrary to law.

Said charges being presented to said Tatman, by the session, he, said Tatman, filed the following answer thereto, towit:
"To the Session of the Presbyterian Church at Rensselaer, Jasper County, Indiana.
Having been accused before your body, as per charges and specifications filed, made by Mr. A. Purcupile, a member of said church with conduct unbecoming a member of the church, I take advantage of the privilege granted by you, to make to the charges and specifications the following Answer:

I have no desire to prolong an investigation, which, from the relation that has heretofore existed between you and myself, must at last be painful in the highest degree, and to that end I shall not take any exceptions to the charges and specifications, even though there may be errors therein. As to the charges and c. as a whole, I plead guilty. My conduct has been thus sinful and I have to say, that, being sorely tempted and failed to deliver the money as I ought to have done. I cannot even now say why I acted as I did. I kept the money, instead of delivering it, I brought the package home with me unopened, and not until days afterward did I make use of it.

All the other matters followed the come up and hide what had been done before.

The session very kindly requested me to relate, in my answer, my feelings in relation to this transaction. This is hard to do. My soul has been filled with anguish, not so much on account of the wrong done to Mr. Purcupile, nor of the loss of character to a greater or less extent, both of which have been, and are, deeply deplored but of the great and terrible sin against God and His Son, whom I had once hoped to claim as my Saviour. My feelings have been as if the judgment had been pronounced,, and I had become aware that the peace, and joy, and happiness which was about to be bestowed upon me, if found true, had passed away forever.

It is utterly impossible to discribe the anguish of soul which has been upon me, I am sorry for my conduct in this matter., and I am willing, God being my helper, to do anything that may be required to make atonement to the church--restitution having been made to Mr. Purcupile: and I sincerely trust that God for Christ's sake will forgive my sins. Being young, I may be able to reform my former standing in this world, but that is as nought without the love of God.

Hoping that this paper may be satisfactory, and that further investigation may not be necessary, not on account of my own feelings, for I deserve all the punishment which may be inflicted, but on account of the feelings of others; and hoping I may have the prayers of each one of you, that I may hereafter have strength to resist temptation, I will close by asking you to do whatever may be best for the honor of the church, without having any regard to my feelings and may the blessing of God follow your decision to the salvation of my soul.

With great respect,
C. H. Tatman"

Whereupon, all things being well understood, it is considered by the Session that Mr. C. H. Tatman by, and he is, hereby indefinitely suspended from the privileges of the church.

Closed with prayer,
H. A. Mayhew, Mod.

March 12, 1865

Session met and was opened with prayer. Present, H.A. Mayhew Moderator. Ruling elders, C. Hutton, E. Wright and J. Coen.

Mr. Samuel M. Martin and Mrs. Maria Hopkins were received as members of this church upon examination.

Closed with prayer.

H.A. Mayhew, Mod.

July 15,1865

Session met and was opened with prayer. Present, H. A. Mayhew, Moderator, C. Hutton, E. Wright, and J. Coen, Ruling Elders. Mr.

Osborn and Mrs. Osborn were received as members of this church on certificate from the Presbyterian Church at Rochester, Ind. Mr. Frank J. Purcupile was received on examination; Mrs. [illegible] was dismissed to unite with the Presbyterian Church at New Richmond, O.

Closed with prayer.

H. A. Mayhew, Mod.

January 14, 1866

Session met and was opened with prayer. Present, H.A. Mayhew, Moderator. E. Wright, and T. Monnett, Ruling Elders.

Mr. Thomas J. Spitler and Mrs. Nannie [illegible] Spitler were received on examinaton, and at their own request Mr. S. Donaloson, Mrs. Elizabeth Donaloson, Mrs. M. J. Mayhew and Mr. Frank J. Purcpile were dismissed to the Presbyterian Church (O.S.) at Logansport. Judy and Mrs. Nannie J. Lyon (Miss Nannie J. Wright) to unite wth the Presbyterian Church at Spence Creek, Penn.

Closed with prayer.

By order of Session:

H. A. Mayhew, Mod.

April 22nd, 1866

Sesson met and was opened with prayer.

Present, H. A. Mayhew, Moderator; E. Wright, J. Coen and T. Monnett, Ruling Elders. Mrs. Catharine Ritchey and Miss Mattie V. Williams were received on certificate from the 1st Presbyterian Church in Franklin, Indiana into the fellowship of this church.

Closed with prayer. By order of Session

H. A. Mayhew, Moderator

Examined and ordered to be signed as approved with the following exceptions, to wit: The sentence in the Judicial case of C.H. Hatman should not have been indefinite; but a sentence of suspension should be until the party give satisfactory proof of repentance.

F. Lynn, Mod.

Sept. 1866

Rec'd by Rev. Mayhew 40 members; dismissed 18

Sept. 29th, 1866

Session met and was constituted with prayer.

Present, H.A. Mayhew, Mod.; C. Hutton, E. Wright, and T. Monnett, Ruling Elders. Mr. John A. Wilson and Delila Wilson, his wife were at their own request, dismissed to unite with any other Evangelical Church, with which God, in his Providence may order their lot.

Mr. Archibald Purcupile and Mrs. Elizabeth Purcupile were received to this communion on certificate from the 1st Presbyterian Church of Logansport, Mrs. Anna E. Waterbury, on certificate from the Presby. Ch. in Frankfort, and Mrs. Olive M. Michenes, on examination.

By order of Session. Closed with prayer.

H. A. Mayhew, Mod.

June 29th, 1867

At this same meeting (Sept. 29th, 1866) Mr. Frank Purcupile gave notice of his intention to return his letter of dismissal received Jan. 14th 1866, but found that it was mislaid and said he wanted to return it to Mr. Mayhew: which he says he did; but Mr. Mayhew having neither given notice of nor recording it. The session

now order the same recorded.

Jasp T. Patterson, Moderator

March 6th 1867

Session met and was opened with prayer. Members present John Coen, Fletcher Morette, the Rev. Jas. T. Patterson being present was invited to act as Moderator.

The following item of business was transacted: Mrs. Mary Jane Milroy was at her own request dismissed by certificate to unite with the 1st Presbyterian Church of Delphi, Carroll County, Indiana.

Closed with prayer.

John Coen, clk protem

June 29th 1861

Session constitute with prayer. Members present, E. Wright, John Coen, and C. Hutton, and Jas. T. Patterson.

Mrs. G. McGill Presented a letter from the Pres. Church of Clarksburg, Ind., which was received. Mr. Keller presented a letter of dismission for himself and wife from the Christian Church of Wabash, Ind. Mr. Keller was kindly informed that we did not recognize said church and therefore could not receive his certificate. He then asked permission to fellowship with us, expressing the hope that at some future time they might see their way clear to unite with us upon examination. This was cheerfully granted. The session find that the Name of Mrs. Vannetta who unite by certificate Oct. 29th 1866, was omitted in the record and order that it be now inserted.

Mrs. A. T. Lamson was at her own request dismissed to unite with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Closed with prayer.

Jas. T. Patterson, Moderator

October 5th 1867

Session met and was constituted by prayer.

Members present Jas. T. Patterson, John Coen, and E. Wright.

Took recess till Sabbath morning.

Sabbath morning, Oct. 6th.

Members present, Jas T. Patterson, E. Wright, John Coen, and F. Monet. Received by certificate from Bessleson Pres. Ch. Mrs. Isabella M. Sterret and Mrs. Jas. T. Patterson.

John Coen appointed delegate to Presbytery and Synod. E. Wright, alternate.

Closed with prayer.

Jas. T. Patterson, Moderator and C.

Thus far approved by Presbytery in Session at Sugar C. Church, Oct. 9, 1867, with the following exceptions:

Page 45--Session neither opened or closed with prayer.

Page 47--Tood recess for one day to the next. They should have adjourned.

E. Bass, Mod.

Dec. 8th 1867

Session called by the Moderator. Members present Jas. T. Patterson, John Coen, and Fletcher Monett. Letters of dismission were granted to Mrs. Isabella M. Sterret, and Mrs. Bella A. Patterson. Opened and closed with prayer.

Reck. by Jasper T. Patterson 4, dismissed 4

March 28rd, 1868

Session called by the Moderator. Members present, Th. A.

Patton, Moderator; E. Wright, John Coen, F. Monett. Letters of dismission were granted to E. P. Chesnut and Rosana Chesnut his wife to unite with the Presbyterian Church, Champaign City, Ill.

Session opened and closed with prayer.

Wm. A. Patton, Moderator.

J. Coen clk pro tem)

June 13th, 1868

Session met and was opened with prayer. Members present, C. Hutton, E. Wright, J. Coen. Mr. S. Donaldson and wife were rec'd on certificate from the 1st Pres. Ch. of Lafayette, Ind. Also Miss Mary Work from the 7th St. Pres. Ch. Washington City, D.C. Also Mr. Wm. Co Coen and wife from the Pres. Ch. of Hobart (N.Y.) Ind. Also Mr. H. W. Porter from the Pres. Ch. of Iberia, Ohio. Adjournment to Sabbath morning.

Sabbath morning, June 14th 1868

Session met. Members C. Hutton, E. Wright, J. J. Coen. A letter of dismission was granted to Mrs. J. McGill to unite with Pres. Ch. of Bloomington, Ill. Closed with prayer.

Wm. A. Patton, Moderator

J. Con, clk pro tem

Rec'd by Rev. Patton 6; dismissed 9

Sabbath afternoon, July 18th, 1869

Session met. Members present, Ezra Wright and John Coen. Letters of dismission were granted to Fletcher Monnett and Hillary A. Monnett, his wife to unite with the Presbyterian Church of Philo, Ill.

Session opened and closed with prayer.

S. R. Searight, Moderator

S.R.C. Wright

John Coen, clk

Sabbath evening, Jan. 30th, 1870

Session met and was opened with prayer. Members present, E. Wright and John Coen. Letters of dismission were granted to Miss Mary E. Work and Mrs. Emeline Jackson and Mrs. Vanata. Closed with prayer.

John Coen, clk

May 12st, 1870

Saturday afternoon session met was opened with prayer. Mabers present Ezra Wright, John Coen, and Rev. L. D. Wells, Moderator. Dr. James Richey came forward and expressed a desire to unite with the church and was received on profession faith. Session then adjourned. Closed with prayer.

J. Coen, Clk of Session

July 24, 1870

Session met and was opened with prayer. Members prsnt, E. Wright and John Coen. And at their own request Ezra Wright and Martha Wright his wife were dismissed to unite with the Pres. Church of Richview, Ill. Closed with prayer.

L. D. Wells, Moderator

John Coen, Clk of session

Rensselaer, Ind., Jan. 5th 1871

Session met at the study of Rev. T. L. Wells and having Mr. Thos. J. Spitler before it conversed with him as to his manner of conduct as a member of this church and as holding the office of deacon therein. To the charge of the sins of intemperance and profanity with which common fame charges him, and his neglect to walk with the church he plead guilty.

Jan. 6th, 1871

The Session having received the confession of guilt as to the charges above preferred does judge and decide that the charges are true and that said Thos J. Spitler is guilty of the sins of intemperance and profanity and neglect to walk with the church, charged upon him. And the session does further judge and determine that the said Thos. J. Spitler ought to be and he hereby is suspended from the communion of the church, until he shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance. As the accused was not present he was notified in writing of the above decision in the form given Director of Worship, Chap. X, Sec. III. It was then adopted that in view of the publicity of the offence of which Thos J. Spitler one of the members of this church is guilty, and of the great reproach which has been brought by it upon the church of christ, the session judges that in fidelity to the interests of religious members it proper and important the above sentence should be made public and the moderator was requested to publish the same from the pulpit

Rensselaer, Ind., Jan. 6th, 1871

Session met at Presbyterian Church. Opened with prayer by Moderator. L. D. Wells, minister. Members present, Rev. L. D. Wells, Elders John Coen, Cornelius Hutton.

Mrs. Stackhouse, Purcupile and Spangle appeared for conversation as to their views in regard to their relation to this church as spiritualists. After consultation session took a recess to meet at pastors study 2 o'clock. P. M. Session met at pastors study, unfinished business resumed.

Elder C. Hutton appointed a committee to request Mr. A. Purcupile a member of this church to meet the session at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. Adjourned with prayer. L. D. Wells, Moderator.

Jan. 7, 1871

Session met at pastor's study per adjournment. Committee reported that Mr. A. Purcupile refused to meet the session. It was thought best to postpone his case until sometime in the future and was accordingly done.

With regard to the case of Mrs. Stack house, Purcupile, and Spangle, the session adopt the following minute:

The session having patiently heard a true and full expression of their views and having deliberately considered their views viz. disbelief of such parts of our creed as to under it in effect of no force and impractical use, denial the doctrine of the state of the impenitent dead as taught in the Holy Scripture in believing that man's probation continues in the future world, and that all men shall findly be saved with an everlasting salvation and having considered the effect upon the church of Christ of their having united themselves with a society known as Modern Spiritualists which society in very deed deny the divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ; we do deem the above views and acts to be a source of great reproach upon the church of Christ and sufficient to justify their suspension from the privileges of the church and the session does further judge and decide the said persons viz. Mrs. Stackhouse, Purcupile, and Spangle ought to be and they hereby are suspended from the communion of the church, until they give satisfactory evidence of the sincerity of their repentance. In view of the publicity of the ofience of which the above persons are guilty and of the great reproach which has

been brought by it upon the church of Christ, the session judges that fidelity to the interests of religion renders it highly proper and important that the above sentence should be made public and the Moderator was requested to publish the same from the pulpit.

Session took recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Session met at house of Pastor. Miss Mary Crockett appeared before the session for examination with a view of uniting with thechurch which examination was approved.

Jan. 5th, 1871

Session met in Presbyterian Church. When Mr. Daniel Lamson camebefore the session askin, admission to the church and after examinationwas with Miss Mary Crockett received into the communion and fellowship of the church.

Session closed with prayer.

Rc'd by Rev. L. D. Wells 3; suspended 3; dismissed 2

Rensselaer, Ind., June 17th 1871

Session met. Present Rev. J. B. Smith of Kentland Pres. Ch. and C. Hutton and Elder and Rev. W. H. Goodison and after being opened by prayer the following persons were admitted members of this church: Mrs. Agnus O, Kelly on certificate from the Pres. Church at Marion Ind., Mr. John Florence, Miss E. Florence, Miss C. A. Florence, Mrs. Choe E. Florence, Mr. Percy Florence, Miss C. A. Florence, Mr.on certificate from the M.E. Church at Battle Ground, Ind. and at the same time the following children were presented and received the ordinance of Baptism viz. Jane Blakney Goddisson: Sarah Warren, Edward Coen, Mary Coen, Allen, Coen, Clara Coen, Geo. Kind Iliff, Iso Newton Warren

At the same time the members proceed to elect officers of the church which resulted in the choice of Dr. James Rich and S. Donaldson as Ruling Elders of church and John Florence and Daniel Lamson a deacons of church which offers were then installed in to officerDonaldson, Sect. P. T.

J. B. Smith, Mod.

Rensselaer, Ind. Jan. 13, 1872

Session met at the house of Pastor. Members present, Dr. Jas Ritchey, John Coen, and S. Donalson and on motion a certificate was granted to Tirzah P. Vanetta to unite with the Pres. Church of Valparaiso, Ind. Session closed with prayer.

Mr. H. Goodison, Mod. J. Coen, Clerk Pro tem

Rensselaer, Ind., April 8th, 1872

Session of the Rensselaer Pres. Session met at the home of John Coen. Present John Coen, Dr. James Richey, and S. Donaldson Elders and Rev. W. H. Goodison and was opened by prayer by Rev. W. H. Goodison. The business before them being a settlement with the pastor and on examination found that the church yet owed W. H. Goodison ninety seven and on mature a committee was appointed to collect the balance immediately and pay him.

Session then closed by prayer.

During Mr. Goodison's stay with us six persons united with the ch. 3 dismissed.

Thus far examined and approved with the exceptions that the two sessional meetings in Jan. 171 are not attested.

M.M. Post, Moderator

Rensselaer Ind., Dec. 24, 1872

Session met at church. Members present, Dr. Ritchey, C. Hutton, and John Coen. On motion letters of dismission were granted to S. Donaldson and wife to unite with the Pres. Church of Richview Ill. Took recess until next morning there being no business session was not commenced.

Rev. J. B. Crone, Moderator
John Coen, Clk.

Thus far examined and approved. Done in Presbytery at Valpairaso, Indiana.

Ino. B. Smith, Moderator

June 26th, 1874

Session met was opened with prayer. Members present, C. Hutton, Jas. Ritchey and John Coen. Rev. R. L. Adams, Moderator at which meting Mrs. Hannah Hammond was rec'd by letter from the M.E. Church. There no further business session adjourned until morning ses. There being business session was not convince.

John Coen, Clk.

March 21st 1875

Session met and was opened with prayer. Members pres't Dr. Jas Ritchey and John Coen, Rev. R. L. Adams, Moderator and the following business was transacted: Mrs. Rebbecca Porter, Mrs. Elizabeth Chilcote and Anna Lamson were sick on examination and Mr. John L. Furston, Mrs. Bethena Furstan, his wife, and Miss Annie L. and Miss Caroline Turston, their daughters from the Clifton Presbyterian Church, Ohio by certificate

John Coen, Clk of Session

April 18th 1875

Session met and was opened with prayer. Members Dr. Jas. Ritchey and John Coen, Rev. R. L. Adams, Moderator at which time the followig were rec. by letter: Mrs. Mary Jane Cole from Springfield Pres. Church, Ill., Mrs. Maritta A. Porter and Mrs. Lucy Clark from the Pres. Church, Iberia, Ohio, and dismissed Mrs. Anna Waterbury to Pres. Church, Lebanon, Ind. Session was closed by the exercises of the hour. Rev. R. L. Adams.,

J. Coen, Clk of session

11 memers into the church 2 dismissed.

Dec. 24, 1876

Session met and was opened with prayer. Members present, James Ritchey and John Coen, Rev. Wells Styker, Moderator. At which time the following item of business was transacted: Mrs. Mary Wood was dismissed to the U. P. Church of this place Rensselaer Ind., session neas by exercises of hour.

John Coen, Clk of session

Feb. 8, 1879

Session met and was opened with prayer. Members present, Dr. Jas. Ritchey and John Coen. Rev. Gilbert Small, Moderator. At which time the following item of business was transacted to-wit:

Miss Bertha Tunston presented herself as a candidate for admistion to church membership. After being examined on motion was received under the care and the -- to the fellowship of the church.

Session closed with prayer.

John Coen, Clk, Session

April 17, 1881

The session met and was found opened with prayer. Members present, Dr. Jas. Ritchey, John Coen, Rev. Augustus Taylor, Moderator and the following item of business was transacted: Charles P. Mayhew, Wm. E. Templeton and wife and E. H. Tharp presented themselves for admission to the church. C. P. Mayhew stating that he had lost or mislaid his certificate from the Pres. Church of Austin Minesota. The session being satisfied received him into communion and fellowship of this church. E. H. Tharp presented a letter from the M.E. Church of Michigan City, Ind., and was also received. Wm. E. Templeton and Emma J. Templeton, his wife, having by removals lost their standing the church of Delphi, Ind., on satisfactory statements and to questions answers put to them were absolve.

Session closed with prayer.

J. Coen, Clk of session

April 30th, 1881

According to previous given the church went into the election of elders and one trustee. Brothers S. C. Hutton and C. Mayhew being put in nomination were elected by ballott, Wm. E. Templeton by acclamation.

After which the session was convened and the following persons were received on certificate: Mrs. A. S. Taylor from Presbyterian Church, Manchester, Ohio. Mr. S. A. Hutton and Mrs. Fulton, his wife, and Miss Lelia Fulton, his daughter from the Presy. Church of Seneca Castle, N. Y. and Mrs. Lettie Lumgrow from Presbyterian Church of Humbalt, Kansas, also Mrs. May H. Mayhew from First Baptist Church, Austin, Minn.

Session standing open until after services the next day (Sab) was then closed with prayer.

Rev. A. Taylor, Moderator,
J. Coen, Clk.

Aug., 1881

This being our regular quarterly communion the session was convened and opened with prayer. Members present, Dr. Jas. Ritchey, S. A. Fulton and John Coen. Rev. A. Taylor, Moderator. When Mrs. J. R. Nanetta presented a certificate from the Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso, Ind. and asked to be rec. into this church which on motionwas done by the session. There being no other businss session adjourned to Sab. morning. There being no other business session was closed by the opening prayer.

J. Coen, Clk of session
A. Taylor, Moderator

Nov. 26, 1881.

Session met and was opened by prayer. Members present, James Ritchey, S. A. Hutton, John Coen, Rev. A. Taylor, Moderator, At which time the following business was transacted: Mrs. Ulrica Deming presented a letter from the Presbyterian Church of West Lebanon, Ind. and on motion was rec. into the communion and fellowship of the church sessón was closed by the closing prayer of the services on Sabbath morning

A. Taylor, Moderator
J. Coen, Clk of session

Eight members recieved by Rev. A. Tayler; 2 dismissed.

April 2, 1882

Session met and was opened with prayer. Members pres. Dr. Jas. Ritchey and A. Fulton and John Coen and A. Taylor, Moderator. At

which time the following business was transacted: A paper presented and read by Rev. A. Taylor and submitted to the session for their approval. The majority of voting for its approval. One member could not approve of some things in it did not vote. Also C. P. Mayhew asked letters of dismission for himself to unite with Red Bluff Pres. Church, Col. and wife saw letters granted. There being no further business session adjourned. Closed with prayer by Moderator

J. Coen, Clk of session

Thus far examined and approved except that session should present the records more frequently to Presbytery for examination [illegible] Presbytery at Valparaiso, April 13,1882

Geo T. Keller, Moderator.

June [illegible], 18[illegible]

Session met and was opened with prayer. Present, Gilbert Small, Moderator, Jas. Ritchey, S. A. Fulton, and John Coen, Elders.

Mr. Jas. W. McCewen and Mrs. Sarah J. McCewen, Mr. Geo. J. Dexter and Mrs. Mary Dexter and Mrs. Elisabeth Purcupile were received by certificate to the fellowship of this church also elected Mr. John Tenston shorister and Mrs. Lilla Hausman assistand and Miss Bertha Funston organist and Miss Carrie Bayer assistant.

Adjourned.

R. Gilbert Small, Moderator
J. Coen, Clerk

Sept. 2,1883,

Session met and was opened with prayer. Members present, Jas. Ritchey, S. A. Hutton, and John Coen. Rev. Gilbert Small, Moderator. Then the following item of business was transacted Miss Lizzie Funston was received by letter from the M. E. Church of Rensselaer, Ind.

Session closed with prayer.

J. Coen, Clerk.

Oct. 2, 183

Session met was opened with prayer. Members present, Jas. Ritchey, S. A. Fulton and John Coen and Mrs. Anna H. Waterbury was on motion received by certificate from the First Presbyterian Church of Reading Mich. Session closed with prayer.

Rev. Gilbert Small, Moderator.
J. Coen, Clerk.

Rensselaer, Ind., Oct. 21,1883

At an informal session the following persons were dismissed by certificate to unite with the --------- at their own request.

Adjourned,

J. Coen, Clk.
Rev. Gilbert Small, Mod.

Rev. Small was supply for one year.

Thus far examined and approved by Presbytery in session at Rensselaer, Ind., April 9,1884, with exception to the incorrect dates of the record of Oct. 21, 1883.

W. E. Loucks, Moderator

Rensselaer, Ind.

March 29,1885

Session met and was opened with prayer by Rev. Gilbert Small, Moderator. Members present, Dr. Jas. Ritchey, S. A. Hutton, and John Coen. At which the following item of business was transacted. Mrs. Eliza Chilcote and Miss Minnie Hutton were received by certificate and Misses Grace Vanatta, J. May Miller, Edith Ar Miller, Nellie

P. Kelly, Sarah E. Chilcote, Ada [illegible]. Chilcote, Mary C. Seitler, Mrs. Ruth Chipman, Miss Eunice Adamson and Mr. Henry C. Smith by profession into the communion of the church. Session closed with prayer.

J. Coen, Clk. of Session

January 17, 1888

Session met and was opened with prayer. Members present, [illegible]. A. Fulton and J. Coen. At which time the following item of business was transacted: Mrs. Alice Dunlap and Miss May Dunlap and Miss Carrie Drew, Miss Lizzie Purcupile were received by profession and Mr. Bell Mars and Mrs. Jessie Ellis by letter into the church. There being no further business session adjourned.

Rev. T. J. Lamont, Moderator

Dec. 11, 1886

Session met and was opened with prayer. Members present, Jas. Hatcher, S. A. Fulton and John Coen and the following business was transacted: [illegible]. F. Chilcote, Geo. Williamson, Mrs. [illegible], Mrs. Etta Hopkins, Miss Brittie Hyland, Miss Florence Powell and Miss Frankie Coen were received on profession of their faith. Session closed with prayer.

Sabbath morning Dec. 12, 1886, Session met and was opened with prayer and the following business was transacted: Mr. W. J. Mars was received by profession and Dr. F. P. Bitters and Annie [illegible]. Bitters his wife were received by letter. There being no further business session adjourned closed with prayer.

John Coen, Clerk of session

During the years 1886 and 1886, 19 members were received.

March 12, 1881

Session met and was opened with prayer. Members present, S. A. Fulton and John Coen and the following business transacted: Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Rosa Sieb were received by letter and Misses Nora Hopkins and Elizabeth Walton and Mr. Lewis Hollingsworth and Mrs. Dora Hardman by profession. Session adjourned to Sab. morning. Closed with prayer.

Dr. Curtis, Moderator
John Coen, Clk of session

Rev. K. J. Duncan is recorded as pastor of the Presbyterian Church in April 21,1887 issue of the Rensselaer Republican looking for a house in the citation. In the same paper his wife is mentioned as being sick for some time.

April 7,1887 is also a notice of Rev. Kenneth Duncan. He is scheduled to preach on Easter Sunday, Morning and Evening, April 10.

May 22,1887, Rev. Duncan preached Baccalaureate Sermon.

Rev. K. J. Duncan was a Student Supply Pastor, 1886,1887

Henry Smith.

CHURCH RECORDS

PART 2

Minutes

Partial Minutes of the Congregation
Rensselaer Presbyterian 1847-1893

New York, Jan.27,1850

To
Messrs. Benjamin Henkle,
John L. Lomer and
James J. Porter, Trustees, Rensselaer, Ind:

Gentlemen:

By a letter from the Rev. Thos M. Chesnut of the 25th Dec. last, I am informed of the organization of a Presbyterian Church at Rensselaer, and your appointment as trustees thereof. In conformity with a promise made to my friend Col. Work to give two lots of ground as a gift for the church edifice, when a congregation should be properly organised, I have executed to you in your official capacity, a deed of gift of lots Nos. 1 and 2 in Lt.8 for the above purpose, with certain conditions therein, of which you have probably been informed. Lot No. 3 I may also convey to you for the like purpose. I await an interview with you before I do it however. Mr. Chesnut further says you are within an effort so far as pro tem one, to raise funds for the erection of your place of worship. I feel a strong interest in your success in this as in all efforts that you may make for the benefit, religious and otherwise of the good people of Rensselaer and the County and shall endeavor further to aid you if it becomes necessary by application for assistance here at the East. I desire you to send me the following information:
1st How many church edifices have you in Rensselaer and its vicinity If none say so.
2nd. What is the no. of the population of Rensselaer and vicinity that could conveniently attend worship there who does not have the means in the present absence of a church?
3rd What are their occupations and pecuniary ability of the people to build a proper edifice?
4. What do you deem the probable amt. that will be required to build the church?
5. How much can you collect in money or its equivalent for the purpose at home?

I lack other information as you may think proper to communicate to me. What is the population of the County?

Let me hear from you at as early a day as possible.

Respectfully,
J. Abt.---
J. C. Tau Chaplains

Rensselaer, Jasper Co., Ind. Dec. 30th, 1879. Pursuant to previous notice, the Presbyterian Church met for the purpose of electing Trustees. The Rev. Thos. M. Chesnut was called to the Chair and John S. Lomer appointed secretary.

On motion of Col. John C. Work, the meeting went into an election for Trustees by ballot. Dr. J. S. Lomer was appointed to receive the votes and report the same to the meeting.

Thereupon the following gentlemen were declared duly elected: John L. Lomer, Benjamin Henkle, James J. Porter. Attest, Thos. M. Chesnut, Ch., John S. Lomer, Clk.

Rensselaer, Jasper County, Dec. 18th, 1849

Pursuant to previous notice the Presbyterian Church met for the purpose of electing trustees. The Rev. Thomas Chesnut was called to the chair and Dr. John L. Lomer appointed secretary.

On motion of Col. John D. Work the meeting went into an Election for Trustees by ballot. Dr. John S. Lomer was appointed to receive the votes and report the same to the meeting. Whereupon the following gentlemen were declared duly elected: Dr. John S. Lomer, Benjamin Conkle, James J. Porter. Attest--Thomas Chesnut, Chair., John S. Lomer, Clk.

Rensselaer, January 2nd, 1850

At a meeting of the Presbyterian Congregation of Rensselaer convened according to previous notice it was resolved that the size of the church proposed to be built be as follows:

1st That the house fifty feet long.
2nd That it be thirty-six feet wide in the clear.
3rd That it be sixteen feet high in the story.
4th That there be a cupola put on the front of the building.

A request was presented through Mr. Allen Ir[illegible] James J. Porter that he be excused from acting as a trustee on motion Mr. Porter was excused and Mr. E. Wright was elected to fill his place.

Rev. Thomas M. Chesnut, Chair.
Dr. John S. Lomer, Sec't.

Rensselaer, June 15th, 1850

At a meeting of the Presbyterian congregation at Rensselaer on this day Col. J. D. Work was called to the chair and Dr. John S. Lomer former clerk of the congregation having removed out of the bound of the congregation Mr. Ezra Wright was chosen Clerk.

On moton the following preamble and resolution were adopted unanimously:

Whereas John C. VanRensselaer, Esq., of this city of New York has heretofore tendered to this congregation as a donation upon which to erect a church edifice Lots No. 1 and 2 in Block 8 in the town of Rensselaer which donation has been heretofore informally accepted by this church and preparation have been made for the erection of a church and whereas Mr. Van Rensselaer now presents willing to furnish a more eligible site for said proposes to change said donation from lots 1 and 2 to lots No. 4, 5, and 6 in Block 8. Therefore, Resolved that the donation of said lots no. 4, 5, and 6 in block 8 be accepted. Therefore Resolved that the donation of said lots No. 4,5, and 6 in block 8 be accepted and the trustees be instructed to receive a conveyance of the same.

Resolved that the thanks of this congregation be tendered to Mr. Van Rensselaer for the very liberal donation above mentioned and that the clerk forward him a copy this preamble and resoltuions.

On motion the congregation then proceeded to elect a trustee to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of John S. Lomer out of bounds and upon counting the votes Dr. Joshua Clark had six votes, Presley Dunlap had 5 votes; whereupon Dr. Clark was declared to be duly elected.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

J. D. Work, Chairman
Ezra Wright, Clerk

December 18th, 1851,

At a meeting of the Presbyterian congregation of Rensselaer according to previous notice.

John D. York was called to the chair.

On motion the meeting went into the election of trustees and the vote on being counted out John D. York and Benj. [illegible] and Ezra Wright having the highest number of votes given were declared duly elected to serve as trustees for one year.

On motion the trustees made a report of their doings in regard to the church and it appeared that when the church should be finished there would be a balance against the church over all avalable means of near two hundred dollars.

It was on motion resolved that an additional subscription be taken forth with payable by the 25th day of Dec. 1852 in order to meet the afore mentioned balance.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

J. D. York, Chairman
Ezra Wright, Clerk.

Rensselaer, Nov. 18th, 1852

Agreeable to previous notice a meeting of the congregation was held at the church at 11 o'clock A.M. The meeting was organized by calling John Coen to the choir after prayer by the chairman the object of the meeting was stated by the chairman which was to determine whether the congregation desired preaching the ensuing year. Also to know whether they wished the Rev. T. M. Chesnut should be employed as stated supply for the next year. On motion the following resolution was offered and carried in the affirmative. Resolved it is the desire that of the congregation to have preaching and that the session be requested to use all diligence to procure a stated supply or occasional supplies.

On motion the following resolution was offered and carried in the negative unanimously: Resolved that the session be directed to employ the Rev. T. M. Chesnut as stated supply for the next year On motion resolved that Dr. Wm. Tichener and John Coen, Jr., be a committee to take up a subscription to pay any occasional supplies that may be procured.

On motion resolved that the clerk be directed to employ the Rev. T. M. Chesnut as stated aucoly of the foregoing resolution.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

John Coen, Chairman
Ezra Wright, Clerk

Dec. 18th, 1852

At a meeting of the Presbyterian congregation of Rensselaer, according to previous notice for purpose of electing trustees for the ensuing year.

Mr. John Coen was called to the chair the object of the meeting was stated by the chairman. On motion it was Resolved that the meeting proceed to the election of trustees by ballot. After all present had voted and the votes were counted out Ezra Wright, John Coen, Jr., and Samuel Fullenwider having the highest number of votes were declared duly elected trustees for one year.

On motion Resolved that Ezra Wright be continued as Clerk for one year.

On motion Resolved that the annual election for trustees be held hereafter on the second Monday of December in each year. On motion the meeting adjourned.

John Coen, Sr., Chairman
Ezra Wright, Clerk.

December 17th, 1853

At a meeting of the members and supporters of the Presbyterian Church of Rensselaer according to previous notice, Dr. W. Tichenor was called to the chair and the object of the meeting being stated the meeting proceeded to ballot for trustees for the ensuing year. On counting the votes, J. D. Work and Samuel L. Fullenwider and Ezra Wright having the highest number of votes were declared duly elected trustees to the above named church for one year.

On motion the following resolution was adopted: Resolved that the third Saturday of December shall hereafter be the time for holding the anual election for trustees to this church.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Dr. Wm. Tichenor, Chairman
Ezra Wright, Clerk

December 16th, 1854

At a meeting of the Presbyterian congregation of the Rensselaer according to previous notice. On motion Mr. John McArthy was called to the chair. The trustees were called on for their annual report Ezra Wright on behalf of the trustees presented the following report

The trustees of the Presbyterian church would respectfully report to the congregation that during the past year the judgment against the church in favor of J. Jasson has been paid off in the full owing manner by subscription of

S.S. Fullenwider	2500
John Coen, Jr.	1500
Rufus Strode	1000
Henry Benton	500
Thomas Clark	500
Ezra Wright	1781
also by a balance of the	7781
Church extension fund	1625
The remainder out of the money received by them of the county for rent of C.	2675
	12081

They would further report that of the fifty dollars received for therrent of the church they paid theRufus Strode five dollars for nails that had been got for the church and remained unpaid also to the Rev. V. M. Chesnut eighteen dollars and fifty- cents etc. entirely consumed the rent money. They would further state that there remains on a subscription taken for the purpose of pay off the afore mentioned judgement there remains twenty dollars unpaid which was subscribed by Dr. Wm. Tichenor.

Also there remains on the 1st subscription about 42 dollars unpaid only part of which is at all available and none that can be collected without coercion.

Also the trustees have a subscription on hand and part collected for the fencing of the church lots which with the material on hand is deemed nearly if not quite sufficient to enclose lots which would have been done had they been able to procure the remainder of the lumber.

Ezra Wright on behalf of trus.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted and the trustees discharged.

On motion the meeting then proceeded to ballot for trustees and on the votes being counted out Mr. John McCarthy, S. A. Fullenwider and Rufus Strode having received the highest number of votes were

declared duly elected trustees for one year from this date. On motion the meeting adjourned.

John McCarthy, Chairman
Ezra Wright, Clerk

Rensselaer, Oct. 15th, 1860

At a meeting of the members and supporters of the Presbyterian Church of Rensselaer held pursuant to previous notice.

On motion John Coen was called to the chair and Ezra Wright acted as clerk. On motion it was resolved that this meeting proceed to elect the trustees for said church after all present having voted the votes were counted by the chairman and clerk. The following persons towit: Stephen Donaldson, John Coen and Archibald Purcupile having the highest number of votes were declared duly elected trustees for said church for one year or until their successors were elected and qualified.

On motion this meeting adjourned

John Coen, Chairman
Ezra Wright, Clerk

Monday, Dec. 12th, 1864

Congregation met pursuant to previous public notice and was organized by calling the Rev. H. A. Mayhew as chairman of the meeting. On motion the meeting proceeded to the election of 3 trustees by ballot for said Rensselaer Presbyterian Church and on counting theballots--John Coen received 5 votes; S. A. Donaldson received 5 votes; A. Purcupile received 4 votes. being all the votes cast were declared duly elected trustees of the above church.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

H. A. Mayhew, Chairman
Ezra Wright, Clerk

Presbyterian of Rensselaer was organized Feb. 20th, 1847 with the following persons: James Van Rensselaer, Susan Van Rensselaer, Susan C. Weston, Ezra Wright, Martha Wright, Ira Allen, Louis B. Allen, Lucinda Mahaffee, Henry Barkley. On the next day Ezra Wright and Henry Barkley were elected Elders of afore said church. and were ordained by Rev. E. W. Wright.

July 24th, 1870.

Elder Ezra Wright and Martha, his wife were at their own request dismissed to unite with the Presbyterian church of Riceville, Ill. He had served this church faithfully and well for nearly 23 yrs. During Rev. Wells stay with us a little less than a year three members were recd. and three suspend and 2 dismissed by letter.

June 17th, 1871. Rev. Goodison stated supply. During his stay with us there were six members recd. and three dismissed and Dr. James Fitcher and Stephen Donaldson were elected Elders in this church. And 7 children baptized.

June 20th, 1874. Rev. W. L. Adams commenced his labors with us and during stay with us eleven members were received and two dismissed. He remained with one year.

Feb. 8th, 1879. During the next three years and over we had no regular preaching. Rev. Gilbert Small gave us half his time for one year and during this time one member was recd.

April 17, 1881. Rev. Augustus Taylor began his ministerial labors with us and during his stay of a little over a year [illegible] members were recd. and 2 dismissed.

June 1885. Rev. Small began to preach for us again and preached until Oct. of the same year. During which time he recd. 7 members.

March 22, 1885. Again began to preach for this church and during 1885 and 1886, and 1887 27 members were added to the church under the services of Rev. Small and other temporary supplies

From March 12,1887, to June 24, 1888, Rev. Mr. Duncan and Rev. M. Tressler preached to us very acceptably when Mr. Tressler was installed pastor over the church. He was the first pastor ever installed over this church and during his stay of about a year and a half there 47 members recd. into the church and 5 dismissed.

July 5, 1890. Rev. S. S. Gorby commenced his labors with the church. During his stay with us there were recd 38 members. Dismissed 7. He served this church about eighteen months.

Nov. 2, 1897. Rev. M. Mach commenced to preach for the church and during his stay of a little over a year 1[illegible] members were recd and 1 dismissed.

Oct. 2, Rev. M. R. Paradis commenced laboring with us as stated supply and up to Apr. 14, recd 37 members and dismissed 3.

List of names of persons recd into Presbyterian of Rensselaer,Ind. from its organization to the present time. The organization was composed of the following persons to wit:

James Van Rensselaer, Ezra Wright, Susan Van Rensselaer, Susan C. Weston, Ezra Wright, Martha Wright, Lucinda Mahaffee, Henry Barkley, Ira Allen, Lois B. Allen.

Apr. 24, 1847. Recd. Sarah McKnight, Nancy Work, Zilpah Barkley.

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